



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____/2026
(ARISING OUT OF SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (CRL.)
NO. 2832/2026)

SUKHWINDER KAUR Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. This appeal arises from an order dated 14-01-2026 passed by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh rejecting the prayer of the appellant for suspension of sentence awarded by the Trial Court.
4. The submission of the learned counsel for the appellant is that the allegations qua the appellant are in respect of abetting/conspiring

sexual exploitation of the victim by the principal accused Raghuvir Singh. It is submitted that the alleged exploitation occurred between 2016 to 2018 whereas FIR in respect thereof was lodged on 28.10.2018.

5. It is also submitted that a term sentence of ten years has been awarded to the appellant and by now appellant has already suffered sentence of about three years and four months including remission. It has been submitted that there is no likelihood of appeal being heard in near future, therefore appellant being a lady may be released on bail after suspending the sentence.

6. The learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer of suspension of sentence.

7. Having regard to the nature of the allegations qua the appellant as also that she is a lady and by now she has already served sentence of over three years, besides there is no likelihood of appeal being heard and decided in the near future, we are of the view that the

appellant is entitled to be released on bail after suspension of sentence pending consideration of her appeal.

8. Consequently, this appeal is allowed. The order of the High Court rejecting the prayer of the appellant to suspend the sentence is set aside. The sentence awarded to the appellant by the Trial Court is hereby suspended pending consideration of her appeal by the High Court.

9. The appellant shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the Trial Court may deem fit to impose.

10. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

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[N.V. ANJARIA]

New Delhi
April 06, 2026

ITEM NO.9

COURT NO.14

SECTION II-B

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

PETITION(S) FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (CRL.)
NO(S). 2832/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 14-01-2026 in CRM No. 45805/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

SUKHWINDER KAUR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent(s)

IA No. 50699/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 50701/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 06-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

For Petitioner(s) :

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For Respondent(s) :

Ms. Baani Khanna, AOR
Mr. Robin Singh, Adv.

Mr. Kapil Balwani, Adv.
Ms. Komal Thakkar, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(SUNITA CHOUDHARY)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)