



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**(CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. /2026)
(@SLP (CRL.) NO. 2949/2026)**

Monu Kushwaha

Appellant

VERSUS

State Of Chhattisgarh

Respondent

O R D E R

1. Heard.

2. Leave granted.

3. Appellant who is accused under Section 20(b) of Narcotic Drugs and Pyschotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short NDPS) and has been in custody from 22.05.2025 is seeking for being enlarged on regular bail.

4. The jurisdictional police received information of alleged trafficking of ganja and intercepted a

vehicle on 21.05.2025 wherein they found four persons including appellant were travelling with 45 kilograms of ganja and attributing conscious possession of 12 kilograms of ganja to appellant, he has been apprehended and arraigned as an accused in the FIR registered.

5. Though, several contentions have been raised. We are not inclined to entertain the same at this stage, and it would suffice to state that there are no antecedents of similar offences attributed to the appellant by the prosecution. Investigation having been completed, chargesheet having been filed and trial also having commenced, continued incarceration of the appellant would not be warranted.

6. Hence, the appeal is allowed, impugned order is set aside and appellant is ordered to be released on regular bail on such terms and conditions as the jurisdictional Court may deems fit to impose.

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

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[ARAVIND KUMAR]

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[PRASANNA B. VARALE]

New Delhi;

April 06, 2026.

ITEM NO.20

COURT NO.16

SECTION II-C

**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). 2949/2026**

**[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 24-11-2025 in MCRC No. 9517/2025 passed by
the High Court of Chhatisgarh at Bilaspur]**

MONU KUSHWAHA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

**IA No. 53055/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT**

IA No. 53056/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

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

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE**

For Petitioner(s) :Ms. Ruchi Gupta, AOR

**For Respondent(s) :Ms. Sugandha Jain, Standing
Counsel, Adv.**

**Mr. Prabodh Kumar, AOR
Mr. Shivin Agarwal, Adv.**

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The Criminal 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.

(DEEPANSHU)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)