

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).2648-2649/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 29-01-2026 in CRMM No.65051/2025 04-02-2026 in CRM No. 4674/2026 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

TAPINDER RANA @ TAPINDER SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ANR.

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

IA No. 47701/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 84944/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 12-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Vaibhav Sehgal, Adv.
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Mr. Abdul Gaffar, Adv.

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

1. We notice that the matter is yet pending consideration before

the High Court

2. This Court had granted interim protection to the instant petitioner vide order dated 13.02.2026 which reads as under:

"1. The petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 29.01.2026 in CRMM No.65051/2025 and 04-02-2026 in CRM No.4674/2026 in CRMM No.65051/2025 titled "Tapinder Rana @ Tapinder Singh vs. State of Punjab" passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh.

2. Complainant-Ankita Bhatti, D/o Anil Kumar, R/o House No.8220/22/1, New Maya Nagar, Durgapuri, Hethewal Kala, Ludhiana, Punjab, be impleaded as party-respondent no.2.

3. Cause title be amended accordingly.

4. Issue notice, returnable on 20.03.2026.

5. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted. Let steps for service be taken within one week.

6. Ms. Nupur Kumar, learned Advocate-on-Record accepts notice on behalf of the State of Punjab.

7. Let counter affidavit be filed within two weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within one week thereafter.

8. In the event of arrest in connection with FIR No.103 of 2025 dated 20.08.2025 registered at Police Station Punjab Agriculture University (PAU), Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana, the petitioner shall be released on bail on the appropriate terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

9. The petitioner shall make himself available before the Investigating Officer on 20.02.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as he may be required.

10. Needless to add, till the investigation is not complete in all respects, the petitioner would fully cooperate, and if the challan/charge sheet is filed, he would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses in any manner till the completion of the trial."

3. We direct the parties to appear before the High Court on

21.05.2026. We request the High Court to positively decide the instant petitioner's application on its own merits, uninfluenced by the orders passed by this Court from time to time including the one passed on 13.02.2026. The parties are at liberty to place all material before the High Court.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the private respondent is a party before the High Court.

5. Be that as it may, the private respondent shall be heard by the High Court before passing the order on merits. Special Leave Petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

6. Interim order to operate only till the next date of hearing before the High Court; for continuance thereafter, the High Court shall independently decide on its own merits.

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

(NEHA GUPTA)
COURT MASTER (SH)

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