



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

**(CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_/2026)  
(@SLP (CRL.) NO. 2719/2026)**

**BHAGWAN KEWAT**

**Appellant(s)**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH**

**Respondent(s)**

**O R D E R**

**1. Heard.**

**2. Leave Granted.**

**3. An FIR No. 602/2024 came to registered on 17.08.2024 for the offence punishable under Sections 103(1), 109 and 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short "BNS") alleging that Pramod Kewat, prime accused along with three other accused, including the appellant herein, had attacked father-in-law of the complainant, which**

led to his death.

4. After completion of the investigation, chargesheet has been filed and trial has commenced. In all 23 witnesses have been cited by the prosecution out of whom 9 have already been examined.

5. Having regard to the evidence available on record and the imputation of charges against the appellant that he had attacked the mother-in-law of the complainant and there being no injury certificate available on record to show the actual injury sustained by the mother-in-law, but on the other hand, prosecution has projected that the prime accused-Pramod Kewat had assaulted the deceased by use of axe which led to his death, at this stage, the appellant cannot be deprived of the discretionary relief of bail.

6. Hence, the appeal is allowed, impugned order is set aside and appellant is ordered to be released

on bail as his continued incarceration is not warranted.

7. Appellant shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as jurisdictional Court may impose including the condition of diverting him to cooperate with the trial Court by appearing on all dates of hearing unless exempted.

8. 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 20, 2026.

ITEM NO.9

COURT NO.14

SECTION II-E

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). 2719/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 14-01-2026 in MCRLC No. 59441/2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

BHAGWAN KEWAT

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

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Respondent(s)

[IA No. 48991/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 48990/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.]

Date : 20-04-2026 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) :Mr. Rajul Shrivastav, Adv.  
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Mr. Surjeet Singh Ga, Adv.  
Mr. Harmeet Singh Ruprah, AOR  
Mr. Karan Singh, Adv.  
Mr. Kanishk Sharma, 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)**