

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(S). \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026  
(@ SLP(CRL.) NO(S). \_\_\_\_\_ /2026  
@DIARY NO(S). 8936/2026)

SAURABH KUMAR

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

We have heard learned counsel for the respective parties.

Learned counsel for respondent No.2 submitted that respondent No.2 is ready and willing to reside with the appellant herein.

In order to bring about a rapprochement between the parties and having regard to the fact that the impugned order is only an interim order of maintenance, we find that in the instant case, interest of justice would be served if the interim maintenance is reduced from Rs.35,000/- per month to Rs.25,000/- per month from the month of April, 2026 onwards.

The appeals are accordingly disposed of.

However learned counsel for the respective parties submitted that the parties are interested in exploring the settlement through mediation.

In the circumstances, we refer this disposed of matter to the Supreme Court Mediation Centre for bringing about a settlement between the parties.

The parties are directed to appear before the Supreme Court Mediation Centre tomorrow i.e. 12.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M.

The Report of the learned Mediator shall be placed before this Court.

List before the Court in case of necessity.

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

.....J.  
( B.V. NAGARATHNA )

.....J.  
( UJJAL BHUYAN )

NEW DELHI;  
MARCH 11, 2026

ITEM NO.13

COURT NO.4

SECTION II

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s). 8936/2026  
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 23-09-2025  
in CRLRP No. 1864/2025 and 10-12-2025 in CRLMMA No. 3/2025 passed  
by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad]

SAURABH KUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 61112/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING  
IA No. 61111/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 11-03-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Mrinmay Bhattmewara, Adv.  
Mrs. Samprati Bhattmewara, Adv.  
Mr. Rajvir Singh Bhati, Adv.  
Mr. Manish Dutt Sharma, Adv.  
Mr. Vivek Gupta, AOR

For Respondent(s) : Ms. Prerna Singh, AOR

Mr. Satendra Tripathi, AOR  
Mr. Mayank Tripathi, Adv.  
Ms. Jyoti Singh, Adv.  
Mr. Devarshi Pandey, Adv.  
Mr. Prashant Kumar, Adv.

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

1. Delay condoned.
2. Issue notice to the respondents.
3. Mr. Satendra Tripathi, learned counsel accepts notice for respondent No.2/caveator.

4. Leave granted.
5. The appeals are disposed of in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.
6. The parties are directed to appear before the Supreme Court Mediation Centre tomorrow i.e. 12.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M.
7. The Report of the learned Mediator shall be placed before this Court.
8. List before the Court in case of necessity.
9. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

**(RADHA SHARMA)**  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

**(DIVYA BABBAR)**  
COURT MASTER (NSH)