

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026  
(arising out of SLP(Crl.) No. 5820/2026)

JAIRAJ & ORS. . . . . APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH & ANR. . . . . RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant is aggrieved by the judgment and final order dated 02.07.2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad in Application U/S 528 BNSS No. 15586/2025. By the said order, the High Court refused to quash Case No. 1576/2022 arising out of Case Crime/First Information Report (FIR) No. 472/2022 dated 23.09.2022, registered against the appellants for offences punishable under Sections 420, 504 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Sections 3(1)(r) and 3(1)(s) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes Act (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.
3. By order dated 25.03.2026, this Court stayed further proceedings pursuant to the aforestated Case Crime/FIR.
4. Despite service of notice, respondent No. 2 did not choose to enter appearance before this Court.
5. We find from the material placed on record that the

incidents, on the basis of which the aforestated Case Crime/FIR was registered, date back to October, 2017. While so, criminal proceedings were initiated only on 23.09.2022. Further, we find that the dispute related to an alleged land transaction and issuance of cheques which were dishonoured on presentation. We are informed that civil proceedings are now pending between the parties. The allegations in relation to caste based abuse also do not inspire confidence.

6. In that view of the matter, we are of the opinion that this was not a fit case for initiation of criminal process. The High Court lost sight of this aspect of the matter. The appeal is, accordingly, allowed, setting aside the impugned judgment and order dated 02.07.2025.
7. In consequence, Case Crime/FIR No. 472/2022 dated 23.09.2022, registered with police station - Dadri, District - Greater Noida (Commissionerate Gautam Buddha Nagar), Uttar Pradesh, for offences punishable under Sections 420, 504 and 506 of the IPC and Sections 3(1)(r) and 3(1)(s) of the SC/ST Act, shall stand quashed.
8. Pending application(s), if any, stand disposed of.

.....J.  
(SANJAY KUMAR)

.....J.  
(K. VINOD CHANDRAN)

NEW DELHI;  
MAY 11, 2026

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

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 5820/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 02-07-2025 in A528BNSS No. 15586/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad]

JAIRAJ &amp; ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH &amp; ANR.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 85037/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, IA No. 85031/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILEING / CURING THE DEFECTS and IA No. 85039/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 11-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. VINOD CHANDRAN

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For Respondent(s) :

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Ms. Apurva Singh, Adv.  
Mr. Ambrish Tiwari, Adv.

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

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed, setting aside the impugned judgment and order dated 02.07.2025, in terms of the signed order.

In consequence, Case Crime/FIR No. 472/2022 dated 23.09.2022, registered with police station - Dadri, District - Greater Noida

(Commissionerate Gautam Buddha Nagar), Uttar Pradesh, for offences punishable under Sections 420, 504 and 506 of the IPC and Sections 3(1)(r) and 3(1)(s) of the SC/ST Act, shall stand quashed.

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

(DEEPAK GUGLANI)  
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(PREETI SAXENA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(signed order is placed on the file)