

ITEM NO.5

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-B

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.3203/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-12-2025 in CRMM No. 71172/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

DEEPAK KUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 56709/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 56710/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. & IA No. 60250/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL & DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 18-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

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

1. By our Order dated 24-2-2026, we had directed the Investigating Officer to personally remain present with the papers of the investigation, more particularly, the CCTV footage upon which strong reliance is sought to be placed by the respondent.
2. The Officer is personally present in the Court today with the papers of the investigation.

3. What we have been able to gather in the course of today's hearing is that two of the co-accused left for Bangkok from Amritsar. When they flew from Amritsar to Bangkok, as per the case of the Department, the petitioner was at the Airport to see the two co-accused off. The very same two co-accused flew back from Bangkok to Amritsar and were apprehended at the Airport of Amrisar. They were found to be in possession of 48 Kgs. of Ganja.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the Department seeks to rely upon some whatsapp messages and CDR to connect the petitioner with the two co-accused who were found to be in possession of the contraband.

5. Even, as on date, the picture appears to be hazy.

6. In such circumstances, referred to above, we direct the petitioner to appear before the DRI, Amritsar on 20-3-2026 for the purpose of interrogation.

7. The petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation.

8. Post this matter for further hearing on 25-3-2026.

9. On the next date of hearing, the learned counsel shall inform us how well the petitioner has cooperated in the investigation and whether his statements have been recorded or not. However, we make it clear that no coercive steps shall be taken by the respondent when the petitioner appears for the purpose of interrogation.

(VISHAL ANAND)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)