



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

(CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. /2026)
(@SLP (CRL.) NO. 3050/2026)

SURESH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Heard.

2. I.A. No. 106058/2026 seeking impleadment is allowed.

3. We have heard the learned counsels for the parties. An FIR No. 48/2025 came to be registered against appellant on 18.02.2025 for offence punishable under Section 420 IPC, 1860 at Police Station Hisar Civil Lines, District Hisar, wherein it was alleged by the complainant that appellant

induced him to pay Rs.25,26,100/- (twenty five lakhs twenty six thousands one hundred only) on the false promise of securing a government job for his son in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. It was claimed by the appellant that he was an Officer and has influence in Government Departments. It is further alleged, in the complaint that an appointment letter was also issued in favour of the complainant's-son as a Data Entry Operator and on being removed from service the present complaint came to be lodged by the father of the victim on 18.02.2025.

4. Having heard the learned counsels appearing for the parties, we notice that courts below have rejected the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail. This Court by order dated 23.02.2026 had granted interim protection namely preventing the respondent from taking any coercive steps against the appellant.

5. The learned counsel appearing for the respondent-State would submit that appellant is not cooperating with the investigation and he did not appear before the Investigating Officer.

6. However, no material has been placed on record to show the issuance of notice under Section 41A Cr.P.C, 1973. As such, we are of the view that the said contention of the State will have to be taken with a pinch of salt. Be that as it may. Interim protection having been granted, we are of the considered view that same deserves to be made absolute by further reiterating and directing that appellant shall appear before the Investigating Officer (I.O) as and when called upon and shall also mark his attendance once in fifteen days before the I.O. and shall appear before the trial Court on all dates of hearing without fail, unless exempted.

7. Accordingly, the appeal stands allowed.

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;
20 May, 2026.

Mr. Saurav Arora, Adv.
Ms. Shalini Atri, Adv.
Ms. Akanksha Mehra, AOR

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)