



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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL Nos.1385-1386 OF 2026  
[arising out of SLP (Crl.) Nos. 3148-3149 OF 2026]**

**SAHIL ETC.**

**APPELLANTS**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

**RESPONDENTS**

**ORDER**

1. Leave granted.
2. By the impugned judgment(s) and order(s) dated 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh has rejected the appellants' prayers for bail in anticipation of arrest.
3. Appellants figure as accused in FIR No. 0145 dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 registered with Police Station-Ajitwal, District- Moga. It is alleged in the FIR that the appellants have committed offences punishable under Sections 408 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
4. We have heard learned counsel appearing for the appellants as well as the respondent.

5. Although the counter affidavit has stated that the appellants did not join investigation despite receipt of notice, learned counsel appearing for the State submits that after filing of the counter affidavit, the appellants have joined investigation. The police report (charge-sheet) is, however, yet to be filed.

6. In such view of the matter and considering the nature of allegations, we are of the considered opinion that custodial interrogation of the appellants is not necessary and that the appellants may be admitted to an order for grant of bail in anticipation of arrest.

7. Accordingly, the impugned judgment and order stands set aside.

8. It is directed that in the event of the appellants being arrested in connection with proceedings arising out of the aforesaid FIR, they shall be released on bail by the arresting/investigating officer/trial court on terms and conditions to be fixed by the trial court.

9. In the event of arrest, the appellants shall be released on bail, subject to furnishing of bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial court and such other terms and conditions as may be imposed by it.

10. It is made clear that in the event the appellants breach any of the terms and conditions imposed by it, the trial court shall be at liberty to cancel the bail of the appellants.

11. Needless to observe, the appellants shall not, directly or indirectly, by making inducement, threat or promise, dissuade any person acquainted with the facts of the case from disclosing such facts to any police officer or to the court.

12. Also, since the investigation is yet to conclude, we direct that if the investigating officer calls upon the appellants to join the investigation, they shall do so by attending the police station.

13. We clarify that the observations made in this order and grant of bail will not be treated as findings on the merits of the case.

14. The appeals are allowed on the above terms.

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

.....J.  
**[DIPANKAR DATTA]**

.....J.  
**[SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA]**

**New Delhi;  
March 16, 2026.**

ITEM NO.13

COURT NO.8

SECTION II-B

**S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A**  
**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).3148-3149/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 09-02-2026 in CRM-M No. 527/2026 09-02-2026 in CRM-M No.540/2026 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

SAHIL ETC.

Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent

IA No. 53865/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE  
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 16-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Dinesh Verma, Adv.  
Mrs. Honey Verma, Adv.  
Mr. Harsh Gupta, Adv.  
Ms. Goldy Goyal, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Karan Sharma, AOR  
Mr. Mohit Siwach, Adv.

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

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(JATINDER KAUR)  
P.S. to REGISTRAR

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(signed order is placed on the file)