

ITEM NO.40

COURT NO.13

SECTION II-C

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(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).3432/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 19-01-2026 in MCRC No.673/2026 passed by the High Court of Chhatisgarh at Bilaspur]

KAMTA PRASAD SHARMA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 60682/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 60680/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 25-02-2026 This matter was called for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Dhurva Shankar Mishra, AOR
Mr. Kumar Kartikey, Adv.
Mr. Sumit Dubey, Adv.
Mr. Sudhir Singh, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Prashant Singh, AOR
Ms. Rajnandani Kumari, Adv.

O R D E R

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The petitioner is aggrieved by non-consideration of his bail application filed before the High Court.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was caught with illicit liquor. It was submitted that the petitioner has filed an application for bail before the High

Court but the matter is being adjourned and the petitioner has been languishing in jail. It was further submitted that at best, the quantity could well have been for his self consumption even if, it is assured, for the sake of argument only, that it was recovered from his conscious possession. Moreover, it was submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents and for no fault of his, due to non-consideration of his application for bail, he is still suffering.

4. Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that the petitioner may go to the High Court and seek hearing of his application for bail on priority.

5. Having considered the matter and in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the present case and without commenting on the merits of the matter, we request the High Court to expedite the hearing of the application filed by the petitioner for bail and decide the same on priority.

6. The Special Leave Petition stands disposed of in the aforementioned terms.

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

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