



ITEM NO.61

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-E

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.3133/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 11-02-2026 in MCRC No. 41924/2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

RAMESH PRASAD DUBEY

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 55556/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 55561/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 59102/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T & IA No. 59101/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 23-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Dama Seshadri Naidu, Sr. Adv.  
Mr. Amit Pai, Adv.  
Ms. Pankhuri Bhardwaj, AOR  
Mr. Shoeb Hasan Khan, Adv.  
Mr. Kushal Dube, Adv.  
Mr. Deepak Sharma, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Surjeet Singh, Adv.  
Mr. Harmeet S. Ruprah, Adv

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

1. The petitioner has been denied anticipatory bail by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh in connection with Crime No.256/2025 registered with Police Station Khairlanji, District Balaghat, for the offence punishable under Sections 303(2) and 317(5)

respectively of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short, "the BNS, 2023") and Sections 4 & 21 respectively of the Mines Act, 1952.

2. It appears that the prosecution has also invoked Rule 53(1) of the M.P. Minor Mineral Rules, 1996 and Rule 18 of the M.P. Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage) Rules, 2022 respectively.

3. We heard Mr. Dama Seshadri Naidu, the learned Senior counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr. Surjeet Singh, the learned counsel appearing for the State of Madhya Pradesh.

4. In the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, we are inclined to exercise our discretion in favour of the petitioner.

5. We direct that in the event of arrest of the petitioner in connection with Crime No.256/2025, enumerated above, he shall be released on bail, subject to terms and conditions that the Investigating Officer may deem fit to impose.

6. Once the petitioner is released by the Investigating Officer, he shall thereafter appear before the territorial Trial Court and furnish fresh bail bond.

7. With the aforesaid, the Special Leave Petition stands disposed of.

8. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(VISHAL ANAND)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)