



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. of 2026
[ARISING OUT OF SLP (CRL.) NOS. 4119-4120/2026]

SABINA KHATOON @ SABINA KHATUN & ANR. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. These appeals arise from an order dated 11.11.2025 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi rejecting the prayer of the appellants for suspension of sentence awarded by the Trial Court.
4. The submission of the learned counsel for the appellants is that insofar as appellant nos. 1 & 2 are concerned, they are ladies and their role is of keeping a vigil at the arms factory run by their brothers. As far

as, the appellant No.3 is concerned, he has served three years out of seven years of sentence awarded to him.

5. In these circumstances, it has been prayed that since a term sentence has been awarded to the appellants and the appeals are not likely to be heard in near future, the appellants may be released on bail pending consideration of their appeals after suspension of sentence.

6. The learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for suspension of sentence by submitting that the offence relates to illegal manufacture of arms. It is, however, not disputed that the role attributed to appellant Nos. 1 and 2 is of keeping a vigil at the arms factory. It is also not disputed that appellant No.3, by now, has served three years out of seven years of sentence awarded.

7. Having regard to the above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appeals, we are of the view that the appellants are entitled to suspension of sentence pending consideration of their appeal by the High Court.
8. The appeals are accordingly allowed. The order passed by the High Court rejecting the suspension of sentence is set aside.
9. The appellants shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the trial court may deem fit to impose in the facts and circumstances of the case.
10. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

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[N.V. ANJARIA]

New Delhi
April 10, 2026

ITEM NO.11

COURT NO.14

SECTION II-A

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

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) Nos.
4119-4120/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 11-11-2025 in IA No. 9437/2025 11-11-2025
in IA No. 11565/2025 passed by the High Court of
Jharkhand at Ranchi]

SABINA KHATOON @
SABINA KHATUN & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND

Respondent(s)

IA No. 59641/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 59642/2026 -
EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 59645/2026 -
PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/
ANNEXURES

Date : 10-04-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Shambo Nandy, AOR
Mr. Preetam Mandal, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Mangaljeet Mukherjee, Adv.
Mr. Anando Mukherjee, AOR

Mr. Shwetank Singh, Adv.
Ms. Riya Dhingra, Adv.
Mr. Utkarsh Anand, 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 which is placed on the file. The operative portion of the signed order is as under:

"8.The appeals are accordingly allowed. The order passed by the High Court rejecting the suspension of sentence is set aside.

9.The appellants shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the trial court may deem fit to impose in the facts and circumstances of the case."

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

(KAVITA PAHUJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)