



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. /2026
[@ Special Leave Petition (CRIMINAL) NO.5187/2026]

LOKESH POONIA

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF RAJASTHAN

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. This appeal arises from an order dated 03.02.2026 passed by the High Court of Rajasthan rejecting the regular bail prayer of the appellant in connection with FIR No.42/2021 registered at P.S. Dudu, District Jaipur Rural, Rajasthan.
4. The submission of the learned counsel for the appellant is that he has been implicated on the basis of confessional statement of co-accused. There is no incriminating recovery from the appellant. Recovery is from two vehicles. Though it is stated that the appellant fled from the scene but that information is gathered from the confessional statement of the co-accused. It has also been submitted that the appellant has suffered incarceration since 22.08.2025.

5. The learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for bail by submitting that there was one similar case against the appellant registered in the year 2021 though, the appellant is on bail in that case.

6. Having regard to the above, without expressing any opinion on merits of the case, we are of the view that the appellant is entitled to be released on bail, pending trial.

7. The appeal is accordingly allowed. The impugned order passed by the High Court rejecting the bail prayer of the appellant stands set aside.

8. The appellant 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.

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

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New Delhi
MAY 08, 2026

ITEM NO.6

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SECTION II-D

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.) No. 5187/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 03-02-2026 in SBCRMSBA No. 1511/2026 passed by the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jaipur]

LOKESH POONIA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF RAJASTHAN

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 89225/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 08-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Namit Saxena, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Ms. Aneesha Rastogi, Adv.
Mr. Saurabh Rajpal, Adv.
Ms. Nidhi Jaswal, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file. The operative portion of the signed order reads thus:

"7. The appeal is accordingly allowed. The impugned order passed by the High Court rejecting the bail prayer of the appellant stands set aside.

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(KAVITA PAHUJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)