

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(C) No.9049/2026)

LOKPAL OF INDIA

APPELLANT

VERSUS

MUJAHAT ALI KHAN

RESPONDENT

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Having heard learned Senior Counsel on behalf of the appellant - Lokpal and learned counsel for the respondent, who appears on caveat, we modify paragraph 48 of the impugned judgment dated 14.11.2025 passed by the High Court of Delhi to the extent that the learned Lokpal shall accord an opportunity of hearing to the respondent in terms of Section 20(3) of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 (in short, the 'Act'). Since the respondent could not be heard at the stage of Section 20(3) of the Act, he shall be at liberty to raise all such contentions as may be available to him in law at the stage of consideration under Section 20(3) of the Act. We request the learned Lokpal to consider all such submissions that may be made by the respondent during the course of

hearing.

3. The appeal is, accordingly, disposed of.

.....CJI.
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

New Delhi;
MARCH 13, 2026

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).8919/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 19-12-2025 in WPC No. 17495/2025 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi]

LOKPAL OF INDIA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

MAHUA MOITRA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

WITH

SLP(C) No. 8888/2026 (XIV)

SLP(C) No. 9049/2026 (XIV)

IA No. 71238/2026 - PERMISSION TO PLACE ON RECORD SUBSEQUENT FACTS

ITEM NO.37

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).9576-9577/2026

IA No. 77239/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 78027/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 13-03-2026 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Ranjit Kumar, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Nishant Ramakantrao Katneshwarkar, AOR
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Mr. Dipak Vidhate, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Abhishek Gupta, AOR
Mr. Vishal Yadav, Adv.
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Mr. Vikas Singh, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Varun Singh, Adv.
Ms. Deepeika Kalia, Adv.
Ms. Kajal Gupta, Adv.
Mr. Somesa Gupta, Adv.
Ms. Parijat, AOR
Mr. Sudeep Chandra, Adv.

Mr. Tushar Mehta, SG
Mr. M.K. Maroria, AOR

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

SLP(C) No.8919/2026 (It.10)

1. Issue notice, returnable on 04.05.2026.
2. Mr. Azmat Hayat Amanullah, AOR accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos.1 and 2.
3. Mr. M.K. Maroria, AOR, accepts notice on behalf of the Central Bureau of Investigation.
4. Let respondent no.3 - complainant be served through dasti notice for 04.05.2026.
5. The served respondents may file their counter-affidavits within three weeks.
6. Meanwhile, learned Lokpal need not comply with paragraph 89 of the impugned judgment dated 19.12.2025 of the High Court of Delhi.

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7. Issue notice, returnable on 04.05.2026.
8. Meanwhile, the impugned order of the High Court shall remain stayed.

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9. Keeping in view the importance of the issue involved, we deem it appropriate to implead the Union of India through the Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, as a party respondent. Cause title be amended accordingly.

10. Issue notice, returnable on 04.05.2026.

11. Ms. Parijat, AOR, accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos.1 to 3.

12. Mr. M.K. Maroria, AOR, accepts notice on behalf of the newly impleaded respondent/Union of India.

13. We request Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General, to assist this Court in the matter.

14. Since the notice is being issued only to determine the scope of powers exercisable by the learned Lokpal within the statutory framework, this order shall not be construed as a permission by this Court to proceed against the respondent(s).

15. However, the *status quo* shall be maintained for the purpose of preservation of the record.

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16. Leave granted.

17. The appeal is disposed of in terms of the signed order.

18. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(signed order in SLP(C) NO.9049/2026 is placed on the file)

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR