

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION  
CIVIL APPEAL NO.3358 OF 2026  
(Arising out of SLP(C) No.9049 of 2026)

LOKPAL OF INDIA

APPELLANT

VERSUS

MUJAHAT ALI KHAN

RESPONDENT

O R D E R

1. On an oral mentioning being made by Mr. Ranjit Kumar, learned Senior Counsel for the appellant, the matter is taken on Board.

2. After hearing learned Senior Counsel/counsel for the parties, it is directed that the order dated 13.03.2026 be read as under:

"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(7) 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(7) 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)

.....J.  
(VIPUL M. PANCHOLI)

New Delhi;  
MARCH 25, 2026

ITEM NO.801

COURT NO.1

SECTION XIV

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 (C) No(s). 9049/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 14-11-2025 in WPC No. 16035/2025 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi]

LOKPAL OF INDIA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

MUJAHAT ALI KHAN

Respondent(s)

Date : 25-03-2026 This petition was MENTIONED today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

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

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Abhishek Gupta, AOR

Mr. Azmat Hayat Amanullah, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
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(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)  
ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR

(MANOJ KUMAR)  
COURT MASTER(NSH)

(signed order is placed on the file)