



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.1553 OF 2026
(Arising out of S.L.P.(Criminal) No.4696 of 2026)

BHAJAN SINGH @ BHAJAN LAL . . . APPELLANT(S)

VS.

STATE OF HARYANA . . . RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appellant is accused in FIR No.873 of 2023 dated 7th November, 2023 registered at Police Station Civil Line Sirsa, District Sirsa, Haryana for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. The allegation is that the appellant impersonated as one Mahabir Singh and offered surety for the accused Pargat Singh before the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sirsa, Haryana.

Mr. Tarun Gupta, learned counsel for the appellant contends that the appellant is 87 years old and is already in prison for 9 months.

Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, we are inclined to enlarge the appellant on bail, pending trial.

The appellant is directed to be enlarged on bail on such terms and conditions to be imposed by the Trial Court.

The appeal is accordingly allowed.

.....J.
(K.V. VISWANATHAN)

.....J.
(S.V.N. BHATTI)

NEW DELHI;
March 23, 2026

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

Criminal Appeal No(s). 1553/2026

@ Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 4696/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 31-01-2026 in CRMM No. 43979/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh]

BHAJAN SINGH @ BHAJAN LAL

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 81104/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 81105/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 23-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTI

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Tarun Gupta, AOR

Mr. Hirday Viridi, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Vikramaditya Chouhan, AAG

Mr. Samar Vijay Singh, AOR

Mr. Gaj Singh Jaswal, Adv.

Ms. Sabarni Som, Adv.

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

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.

The appellant is directed to be enlarged on bail on such terms and conditions to be imposed by the Trial Court.

Pending applications shall also stand disposed of.

(ANITA MALHOTRA)

AR-CUM-PS

(MANOJ KUMAR)

COURT MASTER

(Signed order is placed on the file.)