



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. /2026  
@ SLP (CRL) NO.4043/2026

RAM LAL . . . . . APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF HIMACHAL PRADESH . . . . . RESPONDENT

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant challenges the judgment and order dated 09.01.2026 in Cr.MP(M) No.2658/2025 passed by the High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla, titled "Ram Lal Vs. State of Himachal Pradesh".
3. The appellant was arrested in connection with FIR No.272/2023 registered at Sadar Bilaspur Police Station, Bilaspur District, Himachal Pradesh for the offence punishable under Section 20 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.
4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties, and perused the material placed on

record, we are of the considered view that the appellant has made out a case for interference with the impugned order dated 09.01.2026.

5. Considering the totality of circumstances and also the fact that the appellant has been in custody since 24.11.2023, we are inclined to grant bail to the appellant on such terms as may be fixed by the Trial Court. Ordered accordingly.

6. To comply with this order, the appellant shall be produced before the Trial Court forthwith.

7. Trial expedited. The appellant shall fully cooperate during the investigation/trial, and he shall not misuse the liberty in any manner, and shall extend complete cooperation in the trial of the instant case. It shall be open to the Trial Court to take all steps, including cancellation of bail, should the necessity arise.

8. Needless to add, if the investigation is not complete in all respects, the appellant would fully cooperate, and if the challan/charge sheet

is filed, he would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses in any manner till the completion of the trial or directed otherwise.

9. If the appellant possesses a passport, the same shall be surrendered before the Competent Authority/Court until the conclusion of the trial or directed otherwise.

10. The impugned judgment dated 09.01.2026 shall stand set aside.

11. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed.

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

.....J.  
(SANJAY KAROL)

.....J.  
(NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH)

NEW DELHI;  
MAY 12, 2026.

ITEM NO.3

COURT NO.11

SECTION II-C

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 (Crl.)  
No(s).4043/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order  
dated 09-01-2026 in CRMPM No.2658/2025 passed by  
the High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla]

RAM LAL

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

Respondent(s)

IA No. 69822/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF  
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 69824/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 12-05-2026 This matter was called on for  
hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

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Ms. Shivani Singh, Adv.  
Ms. Neeharika Mazumdar, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : Ms. Sanya Kaushal, Adv.  
Ms. Shruti Bisht, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

Leave granted.

Criminal Appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order placed on the file.

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

(NEHA GUPTA)  
COURT MASTER (SH)

(ANU BHALLA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)