



REVISED

ITEM NO.69

COURT NO.2

SECTION II-B

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 (Crl.)
No(s). 8159/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
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passed by the High Court at Calcutta]

SAJAHAN MONDAL

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL
THROUGH THE SECRETARY

Respondent(s)

IA No. 111431/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 22-05-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Chand Qureshi, AOR
Mr. Md.imran Siddiqui, Adv.
Mr. Mohit Yadav, Adv.
Mr. Vijay Kumar, Adv.
Mr. Sundeep Pandhi, Adv.
Mr. Ghanshyam Bhati, Adv.
Mr. Roshan Lal, Adv.
Mr. Naresh Kumar Sharma, Adv.

Mr. Chandan Kumar Mandal, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Akshay Luthra, Adv. (V.C.)
Mr. Kunal Mimani, AOR
Ms. Shraddha Chirania, Adv.

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

1. We have heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the parties and perused the material available on record.
2. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner since 10.08.2023, the fact that the petitioner was the driver of the vehicle from which the recovery was effected, and further considering that the

co-accused, who was a khalasi, has already been granted bail by this Court *vide* order dated 03.11.2025, we are inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

3. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail in connection with FIR No. 173 of 2023 dated 10.08.2023, registered at Police Station Airport, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, on such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Trial Court.

4. It goes without saying that the petitioner will extend all co-operation during the

investigation/trial.

5. In the event the Trial Court or the State finds that the petitioner is delaying the conclusion of trial, it will be open for them to approach this Court for recall of this order.

6. The Special Leave Petition and pending application(s) are disposed of accordingly.

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1. Issue notice.
2. Mr. Akshay Luthra, learned counsel has appeared for the sole respondent-State of West Bengal on advance notice. As such, no notice need be sent to the sole respondent.
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