



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(Crl.) No.4646 of 2026)

PRADEEP@PRATEEK GAUTAM

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant challenges the impugned judgment and order dated 07.10.2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur in Misc. Criminal Case No.44248 of 2025, titled "*Pradeep@Prateek Gautam Vs. The State of Madhya Pradesh*", whereby the application for grant of bail has been dismissed.
3. The appellant was arrested in connection with FIR No.874 of 2024 dated 23.06.2024 registered at Police Station - Kolgawan, District - Satna, M.P..
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 judgment and order dated 07.10.2025.

5. Considering the totality of circumstances and also the fact that the appellant has been in custody since 30.06.2024, we are inclined to grant bail to the appellant on such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Trial Court. Ordered accordingly.

6. To comply with the 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 need so arises.

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.

9. The impugned judgment and order dated 07.10.2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur in Misc. Criminal Case No.44248 of 2025, titled "*Pradeep@Prateek Gautam Vs. The State of Madhya Pradesh*", shall stand set aside.

10. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed.

11. Pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

.....J.
(SANJAY KAROL)

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

NEW DELHI;
APRIL 8, 2026

ITEM NO.2

COURT NO.11

SECTION II-E

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).4646/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 07-10-2025 in MCRC No. 44248/2025 passed by
the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at
Jabalpur]

PRADEEP@PRATEEK GAUTAM

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R., IA No. 65568/2026 -
CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, IA No. 65565/2026
- EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT AND IA No. 65566/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM
FILING O.T.

Date : 08-04-2026 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. Mrinal Gopal Elker, AOR
Mr. Raghvendra Shukla, Adv.
Mr. Aditya Chaudhary, Adv.**

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

- 1. Leave granted.**
- 2. The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order, which is placed on the file.**
- 3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.**

**(SOURAV PAL)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT**

**(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)**