



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. /2026
@ SLP (CRL) NO.4459/2026

ADITI GUPTA ... APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB ... RESPONDENT

WITH

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. /2026
@ SLP (CRL) NO.9787/2026

O R D E R

1. Heard.
2. IA No.97357/2026 in SLP (Crl) No.4459/2026 is allowed.
3. Leave granted.
4. The gist of the prosecution case is that the accused who is the sister-in-law of the complainant had opened a bank account fraudulently in the name of the complainant at Kotak Mahindra using his Aadhaar Card and PAN Card that too without his consent. It is alleged that appellant's husband Vinit Gupta

(co-accused) impersonated the complainant and opened the account and deposited certain amounts into the said account. On this amongst, other allegations made in the complaint, FIR No.148/2025 came to be registered against appellants for the offences punishable under Sections 419, 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

5. Having heard the learned counsels appearing for the parties and on perusal of the records, we notice that appellant in the first appeal is the sister-in-law and appellant in the second appeal is the brother of the complainant and there seems to be several litigations pending against each other. As to what was the actual role played by the present appellant in the first appeal, i.e., sister-in-law of the complainant is an issue which will have to be examined by the trial court after considering the evidence that may be tendered by the prosecution. Further, the issue relating

to role played by 2nd appellant (who is the husband of 1st appellant) in opening of bank account in the name of the complainant will have to be examined on the basis of evidence that may be tendered by the prosecution.

6. We are of the considered view that custodial interrogation of appellants would not be necessary particularly in the teeth of the prosecution case resting on documentary evidence. As such we are of the considered view that both the appeals deserves to be allowed. Hence, appeals are allowed, impugned orders are set aside and appellants are ordered to be released on anticipatory bail by the Investigating Officer on such terms and conditions as he deems fit to impose including the condition of directing them to cooperate with the investigation by appearing before Investigating Officer whenever called upon and to appear before the trial court on all dates of hearing except when exempted.

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

.....J.
(ARAVIND KUMAR)

.....J.
(PRASANNA B. VARALE)

NEW DELHI;
MAY 21, 2026.

ITEM NO.3 + 40 COURT NO.15 SECTION II-B

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).4459/2026

ADITI GUPTA Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB Respondent(s)

IA No. 66334/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C
OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 66335/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

WITH
Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No(s).9787/2026
IA No. 153325/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C
OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 153328/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING
O.T.

Date : 21-05-2026 These matters were called on
for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

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Mr. Rahul Sharma, Adv.
Mr. Pawan Kumar Ray, Adv.
Mr. Shreshth Nanda, AOR

Karan Sharma, AOR
Chetan Manchanda, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made
the following

O R D E R

Leave granted.

Criminal Appeals are allowed in terms of
the signed order placed on the file.

Pending application(s), if any, stands
consigned to records.

(NEHA GUPTA)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)