

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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. of 2026
[ARISING OUT OF SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRL.)
NO.4450/2026]**

**SANJEEV KUMAR @SANJEEV
KAPOOR & ANR.**

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS.

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. This appeal arises from an order dated 18.02.2026, passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh rejecting the anticipatory bail prayer of the appellants in connection with First Information Report (FIR) No.285/2025 registered at P.S. Division No. 5, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana.
4. After considering the submission of learned counsel for the appellant, on 16.3.2026, the

following interim order was passed:

"1. Issue notice, returnable in 6 weeks.

2. Notice on behalf of the respondent has been accepted by Ms Nupur Kumar, AOR.

3. In the meantime, it is provided that in the event the Petitioners are arrested in connection with FIR No. 285/2025 registered at P.S. Division No. 5, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana, they shall be released on a personal bond of Rs. 25,000/- each subject to an undertaking that they shall cooperate in the investigation and make themselves available for interrogation as and when required by the investigating agency. He shall also submit an undertaking that they will not threaten the witnesses or tamper the evidence."

5. On service of notice, the respondents are represented.

6. We have heard learned counsel for the parties.

7. We do not find a good reason to discharge the interim protection order granted earlier. Consequently, we deem it appropriate to dispose of the appeal by making the interim order absolute

subject to the following two conditions.

(A) The appellants shall co-operate in the investigation/ trial and make themselves available for interrogation as and when required by the investigating agency.

(B) Within three weeks from today, they shall submit bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court concerned along with an undertaking that they shall not threaten the witnesses or tamper the evidence.

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

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New Delhi
April 30, 2026

ITEM NO.51

COURT NO.13

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). 4450/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 18-02-2026 in CRMM No. 56925/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

SANJEEV KUMAR @SANJEEV
KAPOOR & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 77218/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 77220/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 30-04-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Kuldip Singh, AOR
Mr. Ajay Bansal, Adv.
Ms. Veena Bansal, Adv.
Mr. Gaurav Yadav, Adv.
Mr. Sourav Jindal, Adv.
Ms. Pooja Kumari, Adv.
Mr. Aditya Gupta, Adv.
Mr. Iyshvaker Radhu, Adv.
Mr. Anurag Yadav, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :Ms. Nupur Kumar, AOR
Ms. Muskan Surana, Adv.

Mr. G.b.s. Dhillon, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Rajeev Maheshwaranand Roy,
AOR
Mr. Jagdeep Singh Bajwa, Adv.
Mr. Abhimanyu Shastri, Adv.
Mr. Nilesh Kumar, Adv.
Mr. P Srinivasan, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

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

(SUNITA CHOUDHARY)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)