



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

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. /2026
[Arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.3822/2026]

**SEKH GEELANEE
SHAH MANSOORI**

APPELLANT

VERSUS

**THE STATE OF MADHYA
PRADESH & ANR.**

RESPONDENTS

ORDER

1. Leave granted.
2. The High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur, by the impugned judgment and order dated 05th February, 2026, has rejected the appellant's second prayer for bail in anticipation of arrest.
3. Appellant figures as an accused in FIR No.0341 of 2025 dated 14th September, 2025

registered at Police Station Sanjeeveni Nagar, District Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh under Sections 120-B, 406, 420, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

4. We have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.

5. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent submits that the appellant has joined investigation in terms of the earlier orders of this Court.

6. In such view of the matter and having regard to the nature of allegations, we are of the considered opinion that the appellant's detention for custodial interrogation is not necessary and that he may be admitted to an order for grant of bail in anticipation of arrest.

7. Accordingly, we set aside the impugned judgment and order.

8. It is directed that in the event of the appellant being arrested, he shall be released on bail on terms and conditions to be imposed

by the trial court.

9. Since the investigation is yet to conclude, we direct that if the investigating officer calls upon the appellant to join the investigation, he shall do so by attending the police station failing which liberty is granted to bring any such omission to the notice of the trial court and seek cancellation of bail.

10. Needless to observe, the appellant shall not, directly or indirectly, by making inducement, threat or promise, dissuade any person acquainted with the facts of the case from disclosing such facts to any police officer or to the court.

11. We clarify that the observations made in this order and grant of bail to the appellant in anticipation of arrest will not be treated as findings on the merits of the case.

12. The appeal is, accordingly, allowed on the aforesaid terms.

13. Pending application(s), if any, stand

disposed of.

.....J.
(DIPANKAR DATTA)

.....J.
(SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA)

**New Delhi;
April 30, 2026.**

ITEM NO.2 COURT NO.8 SECTION II-E

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 for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No.3822/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and
order dated 05-02-2026 in MCRC No.5612/2026
passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh
Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

SEKH GEELANEE SHAH MANSOORI Petitioner

VERSUS

THE STATE OF
MADHYA PRADESH & ANR. Respondents

I.A. No.66539/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

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

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
 HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Ashutosh Thakur, AOR

For Respondent(s) : Ms. Mrinal Gopal Elker, AOR
 Ms. Silpi S Swain, Adv.
 Mr. Srajan Yadav, 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.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(MANIK KUMAR) (SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT COURT MASTER (NSH)
(Signed order is placed on the file)