



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. /2026
[@ SLP [CRL.] NO.4534/2026]

VIJAYA KURUP @ VIJAYAN PILLA Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA Respondent(s)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appellant apprehends his arrest in connection with FIR No.816/2025 dated 08.08.2025, registered at Police Station: Mala, District: Thrissur Rural, for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 409, 420 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties.

Learned counsel appearing for the appellant submitted that the appellant has acted in his official capacity, and thus, it might be a case of

negligence. The charge as levelled against the appellant may not be applicable.

Learned counsel appearing for the State submits that considering the extent of the money involved, there is no need for interference with the impugned order.

The fact remains that the appellant has joined the investigation. He is a 73 year old person. The investigation is primarily based upon documents, and therefore, looking from any perspective, his custodial interrogation is not required

In such view of the matter, we are inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the appellant.

Accordingly, the impugned order is set aside, and the appellant is granted anticipatory bail on the terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court.

Needless to state, the appellant shall continue to cooperate with the investigation.

The appeal stands allowed, accordingly.

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

.....J.
[M.M. SUNDRESH]

.....J.
[SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA]

NEW DELHI;
MAY 19, 2026.

ITEM NO.3

COURT NO.5

SECTION II-D

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). 4534/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 24-02-2026 in BA No. 13180/2025 passed by
the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

VIJAYA KURUP @ VIJAYAN PILLA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA

Respondent(s)

IA No. 78544/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 78542/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 19-05-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA

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

Leave granted.

The appellant is granted anticipatory bail on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Trial Court.

The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.

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

(ASHA SUNDRIYAL)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POONAM VAID)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

[Signed order is placed on the file]