



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____/2026
@ SLP (CRL) NO.4550/2026

TENU MANDAL @ MANDAL TENU APPELLANT
@ RAMTENU MANDAL

VERSUS

STATE OF WEST BENGAL RESPONDENT

O R D E R

1. Heard.
2. Leave granted.
3. Appellant who has been arraigned as an accused in FIR No.0220/2024 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 21(c), 25, 27A and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 is seeking for grant of bail.
4. On 24.02.2024, police received information that one person riding who was sitting on the motorcycle of appellant is transporting the

contraband namely Brown Sugar and on intercepting the said vehicle, they found that the said person was carrying 882 gms of Brown Sugar. On the ground of motorcycle being owned by the appellant it came to be seized and appellant has been implicated as an accused. In fact, six other accused who were roped in on the basis of the statement made by the said person from whose custody the contraband was seized have already been enlarged on bail. Undisputedly, the contraband was not seized from the conscious possession of the appellant.

5. Having regard to these factual aspects, we are of the considered view that appellant is entitled for bail on the ground of parity also. Hence, appeal is allowed, impugned order is set aside and appellant is ordered to be released on regular bail by the jurisdictional Court on such terms and conditions as it deems fit to impose including the condition of directing him to appear before the trial court on all dates except when exempted.

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

.....J.
(ARAVIND KUMAR)

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

NEW DELHI;
MAY 21, 2026.

ITEM NO.4

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
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No(s).4550/2026

TENU MANDAL @ MANDAL TENU
@ RAMTENU MANDAL

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF WEST BENGAL

Respondent(s)

Date : 21-05-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.

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

For Appelant(s) :

Ms. Enakshi Mukhopadhyay Siddhanta, AOR
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For Respondent(s) : Mr. Parag Chaturvedi, Adv.
Mr. Kunal Mimani, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the
following

O R D E R

Leave granted.

Criminal Appeal is 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)