

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION



Criminal Appeal No(s). 2262/2026
SLP (CrL.) No(s). 5150/2026

ASHIK

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA

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 17.02.2026 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam whereby the regular bail prayer of the appellant in connection with Crime No. 790/2025, registered at P.S. Vadanapally, District Thrissur has been rejected.
4. The submission on behalf of the appellant is that the prosecutrix was engaged as a maid. On account of some

remuneration dispute, a sum of Rs. 50,000/- was transferred to her account and, thereafter, her services were dispensed with. Aggrieved therewith, a malicious and a false complaint has been lodged in respect of what happened outside the territory of India. It has also been submitted that there is no complaint made at the place where she was working and otherwise also the appellant is a married man with children.

5. The learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for bail but could not dispute that the incidents occurred outside the territory of India.

6. *Prima facie*, we notice from the materials available on record that there appears no corroborations to the allegations by any medical examination report.

7. In such circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, we are of the view that the appellant is entitled to be released on bail pending trial.

8. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed. The order passed by the High Court rejecting the regular bail prayer of the appellant is set aside.

9. The appellant shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the trial court may deem fit to impose in the facts and circumstances of the case.

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

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New Delhi;
April 30, 2026

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IA No. 88344/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT

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

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN

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AOR

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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 placed on the file.
- 3.Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(CHETAN ARORA)

ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)

COURT MASTER (NSH)