



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL No.2098 OF 2026
(@ SLP(Criminal) No.7415/2026)
(@Diary No.13878/2026)

AMIT MISHRA @ PAHLU

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Delay condoned.

2. Leave granted.

3. Heard Mr. Rakesh Kumar Singh, the learned counsel appearing for the appellant and Mr. Abhishek Pandey, the learned Standing counsel appearing for the Respondent - State of Chhattisgarh.

4. The High Court has denied regular bail to the appellant in connection with Case Crime No.325 of 2024 registered with Ambikapur Police Station, District Surguja for the offence punishable under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code (for short, "the IPC") respectively, Sections 7 and 8 respectively of the Chhattisgarh Gambling (Prohibition) Act, 2022, and Sections 66-C and 66-D of the

Information Technology Act, 2000, respectively.

5. The appellant seems to be in judicial custody since 24-7-2025.

6. We take notice of the fact that all the offences stated in the FIR are Magistrate triable.

7. In view of the aforesaid, we order that the appellant be released on bail, subject to terms and conditions that the Trial Court may deem fit to impose. If the prosecution wants any particular condition to be imposed so as to protect the interest of the State, it may make a request to the trial court concerned.

8. In the result, this appeal succeeds and is hereby allowed. The impugned order passed by the High Court is set aside.

9. Dasti in addition is permitted.

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

.....J.
[J.B.PARDIWALA]

.....J.
[UJJAL BHUYAN]

New Delhi;
22ND APRIL, 2026.

ITEM NO.4

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-C

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 SSPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No.13878/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 09-02-2026 in MCRC No. 1095/2026 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur]

AMIT MISHRA @ PAHLU

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 114921/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILEING SLP, IA No. 114937/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT AND IA No. 114934/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 22-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Rakesh Kumar Singh, AOR
Mr. Deepak Kumar Singh, Adv.
Mr. Rajnish Kumar Singh, Adv.
Mr. Rajan Kumar Singh, Adv.
Mr. Ashok Anand, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Abhishek Pandey, Adv.
Mr. Siddhartha Sinha, AOR

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

1. Delay condoned.
2. Leave granted.
3. This appeal succeeds and is hereby allowed, in terms of the signed order.
4. We order that the appellant be released on bail, subject to terms and conditions that the Trial Court may deem fit to impose.

5. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(VISHAL ANAND)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed Order is placed on the file)