



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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____/2026
[Arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.4233/2026]**

MANMOHAN SINGH

APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

RESPONDENT

ORDER

1. Leave granted.
2. The High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh, by a judgment and order dated 09th February, 2026, has dismissed the prayer of the appellant for bail in anticipation of arrest. This appeal is directed against such judgment and order.
3. Appellant figures as an accused in FIR No.0145

of 2025 dated 09th December, 2025 registered at Police Station Ajitwal, District Moga, Punjab under Sections 408 & 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

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

5. It is not in dispute that the appellant has joined investigation in terms of the earlier order of this Court.

6. That apart, co-accused viz. Sahil and Tejinder Mohan have been enlarged on bail pursuant to order dated 16th March, 2026

7. Having regard to the nature of allegations, the fact that the appellant has joined investigation and that he is entitled to claim parity, we are of the considered opinion that his detention for custodial interrogation is not necessary and that he may be admitted to an order for grant of bail in anticipation of arrest.

8. Accordingly, we set aside the impugned

judgment and order.

9. 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.

10. Since the investigation *qua* the appellant 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

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

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

.....J.
(DIPANKAR DATTA)

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

**New Delhi;
May 11, 2026.**

ITEM NO.5

COURT NO.8

SECTION II-B

**S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No.4233/2026**

**[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 09-02-2026 in CRMM No.1076/2026 passed by the
High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]**

MANMOHAN SINGH

Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent

**I.A. No.74371/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT**

**I.A. No.74373/2026-PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ ANNEXURES**

**Date : 11-05-2026 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. Mohit Kumar Gupta, AOR

**For Respondent(s) : Ms. Abha Sharma, AOR
Mr. Anupam Maurya, Adv.
Mr. Praneet Das, Adv.
Mr. Rahul Singh, 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)