



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. /2026
[@ SLP [CRL.] NO. 5003/2026]

ARUN RAJ A & ORS.

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appellants apprehend their arrest in connection with FIR No.620/2025, dated 14.12.2025, registered at Police Station Kodencherry, District - Kozhikode Rural, for the offences punishable under Sections 329(3), 126(2), 118(1), 324(4), 296(b), 351(2), 189(2), 191(2), 191(3) and 190 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties.

It is submitted that the appellants have not only joined and cooperated with the investigation, but it is also a case of cross-FIRs. We have

been informed that two co-accused persons have already been granted anticipatory bail by the High Court.

Considering the above, we are inclined to grant anticipatory bail.

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

Needless to state, the appellants shall continue to cooperate with the investigation till its conclusion.

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.9

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). 5003/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 09-03-2026 in BA No. 1194/2026 passed by
the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

ARUN RAJ A & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA

Respondent(s)

IA No. 85925/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 85929/2026 - 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

For Petitioner(s)

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For Respondent(s)

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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]