



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Criminal Appeal No. 2597 of 2026

(@ Special Leave Petition (Crl.) No. 5548/2026)

SUNIL **APPELLANT(S)**
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH **RESPONDENT(S)**

O R D E R

1. Heard.
2. Leave granted.
3. Appellant who has been arraigned as an accused in FIR No.156 of 2022, registered at PS Shujalpur Mandi, District Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh for the offence punishable under Sections 420 and 120 (B) of Indian Penal Code, is seeking for being enlarged on bail.

4. It is alleged by the prosecution that complainants were induced to purchase flats through false representations and as such the appellant has cheated them by playing fraud.

5. On the contrary, the learned counsel appearing for the appellant would submit that it is the appellant who is the victim and he has lodged a complaint against his partners who have cheated him and asserted his defence of being a victim rather than the perpetrator.

6. These are all issues which are to be thrashed out after trial. The investigation having been concluded and chargesheet having been filed, the continued incarceration of the appellant would not be warranted. Appellant is in jail since 27.08.2025 and as such, he is entitled for the discretionary relief of bail.

7. Accordingly, the impugned order is set aside and the appeal is allowed. Appellant is ordered to be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the jurisdictional court may deem fit to impose.

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

.....J.
(Aravind KUMAR)

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

NEW DELHI;
May 18, 2026.

ITEM NO.15

COURT NO.13

SECTION II-E

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.
5548/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 20-02-2026 in MCC No. 1042/2026 passed by
the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Indore]

SUNIL

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

IA No. 94889/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 94888/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 18-05-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Ashutosh Thakur, AOR
Mr. Keshav Baheti, Adv.
Mrs. Aanchal Maheshwari, Adv.
Mr. Kanishak Saini, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the
following

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. In terms of the signed order, the appellant is ordered to be released on bail.
3. The appeal is allowed, in terms of the signed order.
4. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(IRAMNAZ)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(signed order is placed on the file)