



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026  
(@ SLP(CRL.) NO. 18018/2025)

BHIM BATI & ORS.

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

This appeal challenges the judgment and order dated 08.09.2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh in CRM-M No. 30051 of 2025 (O&M).

Apprehending arrest in connection with the crime registered pursuant to FIR No. 138 of 2024 dated 07.06.2024 registered at Police Station Chhainsa, District Faridabad, Haryana in respect of offences punishable under Sections 120B, 420, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the appellants preferred an application before the High Court seeking anticipatory bail.

Said application for anticipatory bail having been rejected by the High Court *vide* impugned order dated 08.09.2025, the instant appeal has been preferred.

*Vide* order dated 20.11.2025, while issuing notice, this Court granted interim protection in favour of the appellants and following order was passed by this Court:

Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that petitioner no.3 having been arrested after filing of the present petition, the prayer made qua him has been rendered infructuous.

Ordered accordingly.

For petitioner nos.1,2 and 4-7, issue notice to the respondents returnable on 29.01.2026.

In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioners will be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer in connection with FIR No.138 dated 07.06.2024 registered at Police Station Chhainsa, District Faridabad.

We have heard learned counsel for the appellants and learned counsel for the respondent-State as well as learned counsel for the respondent-complainant and perused the material on record.

Learned counsel for the appellants submitted that the offences alleged against the appellants herein arise out a civil transaction; that the first appellant is a lady aged about eighty-four years and as far as appellant No.3 is concerned, this appeal is withdrawn as he has been arrested. However insofar as the other appellants are concerned, this Court vide order dated 20.11.2025 has granted interim protection.

Further, the appellants are cooperating with the investigation. Having regard to the fact that the offences relate directly to a civil case and civil transaction and there is also a compromise arrived at before the Lok Adalat, the interim order may be made absolute and relief of anticipatory bail may be granted to the appellants herein subject to the terms and conditions to be imposed.

However, learned counsel for the first respondent-State contended that the allegations are serious as against the appellants herein and therefore no relief may be granted to them and the appeal may simply be dismissed.

Learned counsel for the respondent-complainant contended that there has been a settlement between the appellants and the complainant before the Lok Adalat and therefore appropriate orders may be made.

Considering the circumstances on record, in our view, the appellants are entitled to the relief of anticipatory bail sought by them.

We, therefore, allow this appeal and set aside the impugned order passed by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh dated 08.09.2025. We direct that in the event of arrest of the appellants, the Arresting Officer shall release the appellants on bail, subject to furnishing cash security in the sum of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only) each with two like sureties.

It is directed that the appellants shall extend complete cooperation in the ensuing trial. The appellants shall not misuse their liberty and shall not in any way influence the witnesses or tamper with the material on record.

With the aforesaid directions, the Criminal Appeal is allowed.

.....J.  
(B.V. NAGARATHNA)

.....J.  
(UJJAL BHUYAN)

NEW DELHI;  
May 22, 2026

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). 18018/2025  
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 08-09-2025  
in CRMM No. 30051/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana  
at Chandigarh]

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Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

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(IA No. 286954/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 91856/2026 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT  
IA No. 286952/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL  
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

WITH

Diary No(s). 15333/2026 (II-B)

(IA No. 101976/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 101978/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED  
JUDGMENT)

Date : 22-05-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

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

SLP(Crl.) No.18018/2025:

1. Leave granted.
2. The Criminal Appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.
3. All pending applications including application for Intervention/Impleadment shall stand disposed of.

Diary No(s). 15333/2026

1. Delay condoned.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) submitted that the High Court declined to implead the petitioner(s) in the proceedings before the High Court which considered the application(s) seeking anticipatory bail.
3. Hence, in view of the order passed in SLP(Crl.) No.18018/2025, we do not find any reason to consider this Special Leave Petition any further. Hence, the same stands dismissed as infructuous along with all pending applications.

(RADHA SHARMA)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(DIVYA BABBAR)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)