

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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(s). _____ OF 2026
(arising out of SLP (Crl.) No(s).5047 of 2026)**

ANKUR RANA @ ANKUR

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant challenges the judgment and order dated 27.02.2026 in CRM-M No.1344/2026 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh, titled "*Ankur Rana @ Ankur vs. State of Punjab*".
3. On 23.03.2026, this Court passed the following order:-

"1. The Petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 27-02-2026 in CRM-M No. 1344/2026 titled "*Ankur Rana @ Ankur vs. State of Punjab*" passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh.

2. Issue notice, returnable on 20.04.2026.

3. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted. Let steps for service be taken within one week.

4. Mr. Siddhant Sharma, learned Advocate-on-Record accepts notice on behalf of the State of Punjab. Hence, the formal service of notice on the respondent-State is waived.

5. Let counter affidavit be filed within two weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within one week thereafter.

6. In the event of arrest in connection with F.I.R. No.0018/2025 dated 13.05.2025, registered at P.S. Handesra, District-SAS Nagar, the petitioner shall be released on bail by the Investigating/Arresting Officer on such terms and conditions as imposed and found to be just, fair and reasonable.

7. The petitioner shall make himself available before the Investigating Officer on 01.04.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as he may be required.

8. Needless to add, the petitioner would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses, in any manner, till the completion of the trial."

4. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and also perused the materials available on record.

5. It is not in dispute that the conditions stand fully complied with; the appellant has cooperated during the investigation; he has not threatened or intimidated any of the witnesses; or has tried to influence the investigation in any manner.

6. We have noticed the nature of crime and the manner in which it was allegedly committed.

7. We allow the present appeal by confirming the order dated 23.03.2026, passed by this Court, with a direction to the appellant to continue to cooperate during the investigation/trial and not to take any unnecessary adjournment. Also, the appellant shall report before the Investigating Officer every alternate Monday, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., till such time the investigation is

complete in all respects.

8. If the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court feels that the investigation/trial is delayed on account of the appellant's conduct, it shall be open to the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court to take appropriate steps in accordance with the law, including cancellation of bail.

9. The impugned judgment and order dated 27.02.2026 is set aside.

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

.....J.
(SANJAY KAROL)

.....J.
(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)

NEW DELHI
20-04-2026

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 S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).5047/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 27-02-2026 in CRM-M No.1344/2026 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

ANKUR RANA@ ANKUR

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION

Date : 20-04-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Puneet Singh Bindra, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Siddhant Sharma, AOR
Mr. Vikram Choudhary, 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, which is placed on the file.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(D. NAVEEN)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)