



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(S). \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026  
(@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRL.) NO(S).4879 OF 2026)

SHRIHARI BHIMRAO HALNOR

APPELLANT

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

RESPONDENT

O R D E R

Leave granted.

This appeal challenges the judgment and order dated 16.12.2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in Bail Application Nos. 5173 of 2024.

The appellant has been facing trial in connection with a crime registered pursuant to FIR No. 306 of 2024 dated 19.05.2024 lodged with Police Station Yerwada, District Pune City in respect of offences punishable under Sections 304, 279, 337, 338, 427, 120-B, 201, 213, 214, 466, 467, 468, 471, 109 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code (in short, "IPC") and Sections 7, 7-A, 8, 12, 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (in short, "PC Act") and Sections 184, 185, 199/177, 3(1)/180, 5(1)/181, and 199(a) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (in short, "MV Act").

The application seeking regular bail having been rejected by the High Court vide impugned order dated 16.12.2025, the appellant has preferred the instant appeal.

By order dated 25.03.2026, this Court had issued notice in the instant matter.

Heard learned senior counsel for the appellant in support of the appeal and learned counsel for the respondent-State and perused the material on record.

During the course of submissions, our attention was drawn to the order dated 27.02.2026 passed by this Court in Crl.A.No.1177 of 2026 titled as "*Dr. Ajay Aniruddha Taware versus State of Maharashtra*".

Learned senior counsel for the appellant submitted that the said order may be followed in this case also as in the appeal filed by Dr. Ajay Aniruddha Taware, this Court granted the relief of regular bail subject to certain terms and conditions. The appellant herein is also a Doctor in the same hospital and he has been in the jail since one year, eleven months and twenty three days. Hence, the impugned order may be set aside and relief may be granted to the appellant herein subject to the terms and conditions to be imposed.

However, learned standing counsel for the respondent-State with reference to the counter affidavit contended that the appellant herein cannot be granted any relief as he was present in the hospital on the relevant date and was also involved in the manipulation of the blood samples. Hence, the appeal may be dismissed.

Considering the facts on record, in our view, the case for regular bail is made out.

We, therefore, allow this appeal and direct as under:

“The appellant shall be produced before the concerned trial Court as early as possible and the trial Court shall release him on bail, subject to such conditions as it may deem appropriate to impose to ensure his presence in the proceedings arising out of FIR No.306 of 2024 mentioned above.”

It is directed that the appellant shall extend complete cooperation in the trial of the instant case. The appellant shall not misuse his liberty in any manner.

Any infraction of the conditions may entail cancellation of bail granted to the appellant.

With these observations, the appeal is allowed.

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

....., J  
(UJJAL BHUYAN)

NEW DELHI  
APRIL 20, 2026

ITEM NO.18

COURT NO.4

SECTION II-A

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).  
4879/2026

[ARISING OUT OF IMPUGNED FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER DATED 16-12-2025 IN BA NO. 5173/2024 PASSED BY THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY]

SHRIHARI BHIMRAO HALNOR

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

RESPONDENT(S)

IA NO. 83643/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA NO. 83648/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA NO. 83653/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

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

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

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

Leave granted.

Appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order,  
which is placed on file.

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

(B. LAKSHMI MANIKYA VALLI)  
COURT MASTER (SH)

(DIVYA BABBAR)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)