



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(S). _____ OF 2026.
(Arising out of SLP(Crl.) No(s). 4893/2026)

SARDAR IQBAL SINGH @ IQBAL
SINGH BAGGA @ IQBAL SINGH APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR RESPONDENT(S)

ORDER

1. Leave granted.
2. The prayer made in the present appeal is for grant of pre-arrest bail to the appellant in connection with FIR No.308/2024 dated 26.06.2024 registered at Police Station Patrakar Nagar, District Patna, Bihar, for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 420, 504/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
3. The arguments raised by learned counsel for the appellant is that from a plain reading of the FIR, it is evident that it is a money dispute between the parties. The complainant is seeking to get the same recovered by initiating criminal process, which is nothing but misuse thereof.
4. Learned counsel for the State, however, submitted that in the facts of the case, the appellant is not entitled to the grant

of pre-arrest bail, as he has cheated the complainant.

5. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the contents of the FIR, in our opinion, the appellant deserves concession of pre-arrest bail.

6. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed. In the event of arrest, the appellant shall be released on bail in connection with aforesaid FIR No.308/2024 on furnishing of bail bonds to the satisfaction of the arresting officer. Needless to add that appellant will continue to cooperate during investigation.

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

.....J.
[RAJESH BINDAL]

.....J.
[VIJAY BISHNOI]

New Delhi;
March 20, 2026.

ITEM NO.58 COURT NO.15 SECTION II-A
 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).
 4893/2026

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 08-01-2026 in CRLM No. 50762/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna]

SARDAR IQBAL SINGH @ IQBAL
 SINGH BAGGA @ IQBAL SINGH Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR Respondent(s)

IA No. 83980/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
 IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 83985/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM
 FILING O.T.

Date : 20-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing
 today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL
 HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAY BISHNOI

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Kuldeep Rai, Adv.
 Mr. Vijay Singh, Adv.
 Mr. Sajid Ahmad, Adv.
 Mr. Shivam Adhikary, Adv.
 Mr. Ranjan Nikhil Dharnidhar, AOR

For Respondent(s) Mr. Anshul Narayan, Addl. Standing
 Counsel, Adv.
 Mrs. Vineeta Singh, Adv.
 Mr. Anshuman Harsh, Adv.
 Mr. Prem Prakash, AOR

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

1. Issue notice.
2. Mr. Anshul Narayan, learned counsel appears and accepts notice on behalf of the State.
3. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
4. Leave granted.
5. The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order,

which is placed on the file.

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

(NIRMALA NEGI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(MANOJ KUMAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)