

ITEM NO.7

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-B

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 for Special Leave to Appeal (CrL.) No.5267/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 20-02-2026 in CRMM No. 50517/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

GOURAV KUMAR @ GOURAV @ GORA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent(s)

IA No. 89988/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 89985/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 17-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAY BISHNOI

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

1. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.

2. The principal contention raised on behalf of the petitioner is that he has been falsely implicated in the alleged crime at the instance of a political leader.

3. It was brought to our notice that the contraband was recovered from the possession of one Jasbir on 16.5.2025.

4. On the very same day and date of seizure of the contraband, the confessional statement of Jasbir was recorded under Section 67 of the Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances, Act, 1985 (for short, "the NDPS, Act"). In the said statement, he named two co-accused persons. It is not in dispute that in the confessional statement of 16.05.2025, the present petitioner was not named. It appears that a second statement of Jasbir was recorded after two months, i.e., sometime in August, 2025 and in that statement, for the first time, Jasbir disclosed that the poppy husk was loaded in the vehicle at the instance of the present petitioner.

5. We want the State to clarify the aforesaid by way of an appropriate counter affidavit.

6. List the matter next week.

7. Interim order to continue.

(CHANDRESH)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)