



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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL No. \_\_\_\_/2026  
[Arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.5635/2026]**

**MANOJ MEENA**

**APPELLANT**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF RAJASTHAN**

**RESPONDENT**

**ORDER**

1. Leave granted.
2. The High Court of Judicature at Rajasthan, Bench at Jaipur, by the impugned judgment and order dated 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, has rejected the appellant's prayer for grant of regular bail.
3. Appellant, figuring as an accused in FIR No.86 of 2024 dated 04<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 registered at Special Police Station (SOG), District ATS & SOG, Jaipur, Rajasthan under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 3, 4 and 6 of the Rajasthan Public Examination

(Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 1992, was arrested on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

4. We have heard learned counsel for the parties.

5. It is alleged that the appellant hired a dummy candidate to appear in the examination.

6. Upon completion of investigation, chargesheet has been filed on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2025; however, the charges have not been framed. The prosecution proposes to examine 23 witnesses to drive home the charges against the appellant. Thus, the trial is likely to take some time to conclude.

7. Taking an overall view of the matter, we are of the considered opinion that further detention of the appellant pending trial is not necessary; and, since the appeal deserves acceptance, the appellant may be admitted to an order for grant of bail.

8. Accordingly, we set aside the impugned

judgment and order.

9. Appellant shall be released on bail, subject to furnishing of bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial court and subject to such other terms and conditions as may be imposed by it.

10. Needless to observe, the appellant shall not, directly or indirectly, by making inducement, threat or promise, dissuade any person acquainted with the facts of the case from disclosing such facts to the court.

11. In the event there is any breach of the terms and conditions for grant of bail, the trial court shall be at liberty to cancel the bail of the appellant.

12. It is also ordered that the appellant shall diligently attend proceedings of the trial, unless exempted. If he abstains from attending the proceedings without justifiable cause, that could also be seen as breach of the conditions for

grant of bail and the trial court will be free to pass appropriate orders.

13. We clarify that the observations made in this order and grant of bail will not be treated as findings on the merits of the case.

14. The appeal is, accordingly, allowed on the aforesaid terms.

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

.....J.  
**(DIPANKAR DATTA)**

.....J.  
**(SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA)**

**New Delhi;  
May 04, 2026.**

**ITEM NO.8**

**COURT NO.8**

**SECTION II-D**

**S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)  
No.5635/2026**

**[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 20-02-2026 in SBCRMBA No.15697/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jaipur]**

**MANOJ MEENA**

**Petitioner**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF RAJASTHAN**

**Respondent**

**I.A. No.95775/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.**

**Date : 04-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA**

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**For Respondent(s) : Mr. Divyank Panwar, Adv.  
Mr. Saurabh Rajpal, Adv.  
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**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.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

**(MANIK KUMAR) (SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)**  
**SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT COURT MASTER (NSH)**  
**(signed order is placed on the file)**