



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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____/2026
[Arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.4887/2026]**

KULDEEP TIWARI

APPELLANT

VERSUS

**THE STATE OF
MADHYA PRADESH**

RESPONDENT

ORDER

1. Leave granted.
2. The High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Principal Seat at Jabalpur, by a judgment and order dated 18th December, 2025, has dismissed the prayer of the appellant for bail in anticipation of arrest. This appeal is directed against such judgment and order.

3. Appellant figures as an accused in FIR No.262 of 2013 dated 21st July, 2013 registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh under Sections 420, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

4. We have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.

5. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent submits that the appellant has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating officer in terms of the earlier orders of this Court.

6. Having regard to the nature of allegations and the fact that the appellant has joined investigation, we are of the considered opinion that his detention for custodial interrogation is not necessary and that he may be admitted to an order for grant of bail in anticipation of arrest.

7. Accordingly, we set aside the impugned judgment and order.

8. It is directed that in the event of the appellant

being arrested, he shall be released on bail on terms and conditions to be imposed by the trial court.

9. Since the investigation qua the appellant is yet to conclude, we direct that if the investigating officer calls upon the appellant to join the investigation, he shall do so by attending the police station failing which liberty is granted to bring any such omission to the notice of the trial court and seek cancellation of bail.

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 any police officer or to the court.

11. We clarify that the observations made in this order and grant of bail to the appellant in anticipation of arrest will not be treated as findings on the merits of the case.

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

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

.....J.
(DIPANKAR DATTA)

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

**New Delhi;
May 22, 2026.**

ITEM NO.2

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-E

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.4887/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 18-12-2025 in MCRC No.55312/2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

KULDEEP TIWARI

Petitioner

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent

I.A. No.83911/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

I.A. No.83907/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 22-05-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.

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

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Prathvi Raj Chauhan, AOR
Mr. Venkatesh Rajput, Adv.
Ms. Pooja Rathore, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Harmeet Singh Ruprah, AOR
Mr. Surjeet Singh GA, Adv.
Mr. Karan Singh, 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.
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)