



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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL No.1721 OF 2026  
[Arising out of SLP (Cri.) No. 5028 OF 2026]**

**SWAROOP CHAND MEENA**

**APPELLANT**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF RAJASTHAN**

**RESPONDENT**

**ORDER**

1. Leave granted.
2. The High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan, Bench at Jaipur, by the impugned judgment and order dated 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, has dismissed the appellant's prayer for grant of bail.
3. Appellant, figuring as an accused in FIR No.0010 of 2024 dated 03<sup>rd</sup> March, 2024 registered at Police Station-SOG, District- ATS & SOG, Jaipur, Rajasthan under Sections 419, 420, and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Rajasthan Public Examination (Prevention of Unfairmeans) Act, 1992 and Section 66D of the Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008, was arrested on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.
4. We have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.
5. Chargesheet has been filed on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 but the

charges are yet to be framed. Prosecution proposes to examine 150 witnesses to prove its case against the appellant and the co-accused. Thus, the trial is likely to take some time to conclude.

6. 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 that since the appeal deserves acceptance, the appellant may be admitted to an order for grant of bail.

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

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

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

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

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

**New Delhi;  
April 02, 2026.**

ITEM NO.6

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  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 5028/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 12-02-2026 in SBCRMSBA No. 2626/2026 passed by the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jaipur]

SWAROOP CHAND MEENA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF RAJASTHAN

Respondent(s)

IA No. 86308/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 86307/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL  
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ ANNEXURES

Date : 02-04-2026 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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Mr. Aryan Sharma, 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 placed on the file.

(JATINDER KAUR)  
P.S. to REGISTRAR

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)