



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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 2731 OF 2026
(@ SLP (CRL) NO. 8197/2026)**

GULZAR SINGH

APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

RESPONDENT

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeal is directed against the order dated 30.09.2025 passed by the High Court by which the suspension of sentence has been refused to the appellant pending the appeal, against his conviction.
3. Having heard the learned counsel for

the parties and keeping in mind that the appellant has already undergone more than half of the sentence, that is more than five years in total, out of the sentence of 10 years awarded by the Trial Court, we are of the opinion that the appellant is entitled for suspension of sentence pending the appeal.

4. In view of the above, we direct for suspension of sentence of the appellant during the pendency of the appeal.

5. The appellant is accordingly directed to be released on bail during the pendency of the appeal, subject to such terms and conditions that may be imposed by the Trial Court.

6. We expect that the High Court will take all necessary steps to take up the

criminal appeal pending before it on priority, so as to get it decided most expeditiously. We also expect that the appellant will cooperate with the hearing of the appeal.

7. The Criminal Appeal is allowed accordingly.

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

.....J.
(PANKAJ MITHAL)

.....J.
(S.V.N. BHATTI)

NEW DELHI
21st May, 2026
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ITEM NO.7 COURT NO.9 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(S) FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL
(CRL.) NO(S). 8197/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment
and order dated 30-09-2025 in CRM No.
27559/2025 passed by the High Court of
Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

GULZAR SINGH PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB RESPONDENT(S)

(IA No. 116577/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM
FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 116573/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING
O.T.)

Date : 21-05-2026 This matter was called
on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ MITHAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTI

For Petitioner(s)

Mr. Chandra Uday Singh, Adv.
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Mr. Prakhar Singh Sengar, Adv.
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For Respondent(s)

Ms. Baani Khanna, AOR
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Mr. Kapil Balwani, 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. The order *inter alia* reads as under :

"4. In view of the above, we direct for suspension of sentence of the appellant during the pendency of the appeal.

5. The appellant is accordingly directed to be released on bail during

the pendency of the appeal, subject to such terms and conditions that may be imposed by the Trial Court."

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

(Nidhi Mathur)	(Geeta Ahuja)
Court Master (NSH)	Deputy Registrar
(Signed Order is placed on the file)	