

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____ OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(Criminal) No.5173/2026)

APPUKUTTAN V.G.

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

WITH

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____ OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(Criminal) No.6028/2026)

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____ OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(Criminal) No.5795/2026)

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____ OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(Criminal) No.6015/2026)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Appellants, along with the co-accused, *Noushad*, have been arrayed as accused(s) in Crime No. 37/2026 registered with the Police Station- Vagamon, District- Idukki, Kerala for the offence punishable under Sections 189(2), 189(4), 191(3), 190, 296(b), 127(2), 115(2) and 118(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. Co-accused, *Noushad*, has been enlarged on anticipatory bail by this Court

vide order dated 08.05.2026 passed in Criminal Appeal No.2420/2026. In the present matters also, the appellants have been granted interim protection by this Court and there is nothing on record to show that the appellants have misused the liberty of the interim protection granted to them. On the contrary, learned State counsel submits that the appellants have co-operated with the investigation/ trial.

4. In view of the above, we are inclined to set aside the impugned order(s) passed by the High Court.

5. Accordingly, the impugned order(s) passed by the High Court is set aside. The orders passed by this Court granting interim protection to the appellants stands confirmed with a direction that the appellants shall continue to co-operate with the investigation/ trial.

6. The appellants shall report before the Investigating Officer every alternate Monday between 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. till such investigation is complete in all respects.

7. If the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court feels that the investigation/trial is delayed on account of the appellants' conduct, it shall be open to the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court to take appropriate steps in accordance with the law, including cancellation of bail.

8. Further, if the appellants possess a passport, the same shall be surrendered before the Competent Authority/Court until the conclusion of the trial or directed otherwise.

9. In afore-stated terms, the Appeals stand allowed.

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

.....J.
(PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA)

.....J.
(N.V. ANJARIA)

New Delhi
14.05.2026

ITEM NO.7

COURT NO.15

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 5173/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 12-03-2026 in BA No. 1092/2026 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

APPUKUTTAN V.G.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 89101/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 89105/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

WITH

SLP(Crl) No. 6028/2026 (II-D)

IA No. 101213/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 101215/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(Crl) No. 5795/2026 (II-D)

IA No. 98998/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 99003/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(Crl) No. 6015/2026 (II-D)

IA No. 102687/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 102688/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 14-05-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(NISHA KHULBEY)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(AKSHAY KUMAR BHORIA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)
(signed order is placed on the file)