



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ /2026
[@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO.5398/2026]

CHANDAN APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. This appeal arises from an order dated 24.02.2026 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur rejecting the bail prayer of the appellant in connection with Crime No.94/2024 registered at Police Station - Chopna, District Betul (M.P.).
4. The submission of the learned counsel for the appellant is that though the appellant is the

husband of the deceased, the circumstances would indicate that it is a case of suicide as the deceased was not happy for some reason. It is the case of the appellant that there is nothing in the suicide note to indicate that the deceased was harassed on account of demand of dowry. Besides, the appellant has suffered incarceration since 18.03.2024 and the trial is nowhere near conclusion. In such circumstances, the appellant has prayed for grant of bail, pending trial.

5. The learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for bail but could not dispute that the autopsy report indicates a case of suicide.

6. Having regard to the above, without expressing any opinion on merits of the case, we are of the view that the appellant is entitled to be released on bail, pending trial having already undergone over two years of incarceration.

7. The appeal is, accordingly, allowed. The impugned order passed by the High Court rejecting the bail prayer of the appellant stands set aside.

8. The appellant shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the trial court may deem fit to impose in the facts and circumstances of the case.

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

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New Delhi
MAY 21, 2026

ITEM NO.6

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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. 5398/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 24-02-2026 in MCRC No. 59623/2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

CHANDAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

IA No. 92776/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

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

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Sarthak Nema, AOR
Mr. Sunil Pandey, Adv.
Mrs. Uditā Maindirectta, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. D.S. Parmar, AAG
Ms. Mrinal Gopal Elker, AOR
Mr. Abhimanyu 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. The operative portion of the signed order reads thus:

"7. The appeal is, accordingly, allowed. The impugned order passed by the High Court rejecting the bail prayer of the appellant stands set aside.

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(KAVITA PAHUJA) ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS	(SAPNA BANSAL) COURT MASTER (NSH)
[Signed order is placed on the file]	