

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) Diary No. 17137/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 17-11-2025 in CRR No. 946/2022 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad]

SANGITA KUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P.

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

IA No. 93893/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

Date : 02-04-2026 This matter was called for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

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For Respondent(s) :

O R D E R

Delay condoned.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.
3. The prayer made before this Court is for returning of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs) which the son of the petitioner deposited while being granted bail vide order dated 02.04.2018.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that his son is no more and thus the amount deposited be returned to her. The stand taken was that the criminal proceedings have abated against her son and therefore the money is required to be returned.
5. Having considered the matter, we find that the Court had

observed that the Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs) deposit was to compensate the complainant for the loss suffered, which, the present case would mean that the loss suffered to the environment and the general public as huge amount of meat, skin, scale, skull, teeth, knife handle of tusk, etc. of prohibited wild animals were recovered. This clearly indicated that there was violation under the relevant Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Thus, in the present case, the Court cannot have a simplistic approach of returning the money just because the proceedings may have abated for the reason that the material, which was recovered was real and has been found to be of animals which are under the prohibited and protected category.

6. Thus, in that view of the matter, as the person who had deposited the money is no more alive, the amount deposited by him is required to go for a public cause, which in the present case, we find is the Environment Protection Fund of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

7. Accordingly, the petition stands disposed of. The amount deposited of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs) should be transferred by the Court concerned to the relevant fund as indicated above to be used for the purposes of furthering the cause of ecological/environment protection.

8. The present order has been passed in the special facts and circumstances of the instant case.

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

(SACHIN KUMAR SRIVASTAVA)  
COURT MASTER (SH)

(ANJALI PANWAR)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR