

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION



Criminal Appeal No(s). /2026  
SLP (CrL.) No(s). 6264/2026

RANJIT JAISWAL

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 11.12.2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur rejecting the regular bail prayer of the appellant in connection with FIR No. 619/2024, registered at P.S. City Kotwali Satna, District Satna (M.P.).
4. The submission of the learned counsel for the appellant is that according to the prosecution case 14.60 kg of Ganja, which is below the commercial quantity of 20 kg, was recovered from the office of co-accused Lala where the appellant was present. It is

submitted that the said recovery cannot be attributed to the appellant. Besides, the appellant has suffered incarceration since 03.09.2024 and trial is nowhere near conclusion. In such circumstances, it has been prayed that the appellant be released on bail.

5. The learned Counsel for the State-respondent has opposed the prayer for bail by submitting that the appellant has two criminal antecedents. One relating to Excise Act and the other relating to offences under the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

6. Having regard to the facts of the case as also that the recovery is of contraband below commercial quantity, we are of the view that the appellant is entitled to be released on bail pending trial.

7. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed. The order passed by the High Court rejecting the

regular bail prayer of the appellant is 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.

.....J  
[MANOJ MISRA]

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[VIPUL M. PANCHOLI]

New Delhi;  
May 18, 2026

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

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[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 11-12-2025 in MCRC No. 56225/2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

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Petitioner(s)

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IA No. 95138/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 18-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

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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.

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

(CHETAN ARORA)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)