

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026  
(Arising out of SLP(CrL.) No.5568 of 2026)

SATYA PRATAP SINGH BUNDELA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant challenges the judgment and order dated 10.03.2026 in Misc. Criminal Case No.8864 of 2026, titled "Satya Pratap Singh Bundela & Ors. Vs. State of Madhya Pradesh", passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur.
3. On 02.04.2026, this Court passed the following order:-

"1. Petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 10.03.2026 in Misc. Criminal Case No.8864/2026 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur, titled "Satya Pratap Singh Bundela & Ors. vs. The State of Madhya Pradesh".

2. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

3. Issue notice, returnable on 08.05.2026. 4. Mr. Harmeet Singh Ruprah, learned counsel, accepts 1 notice on behalf of the respondent/State. Hence, the formal service of notice on the respondent is

waived.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner to serve a copy of the present petition to the learned counsel for the respondent within a period of one (01) week.

6. Let counter affidavit be filed within three (03) weeks. Rejoinder affidavit thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of listing.

7. We make it clear that no further opportunity will be granted for this purpose.

8. In the event of arrest in connection with Crime No.120 of 2026 of Civil Lines Police Station, Chhatarpur District, Madhya Pradesh, the petitioner shall be released on bail on the appropriate terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer. 9. The petitioner shall make himself available before the Investigating Officer on 09.04.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as he may be required.

10. Needless to add, till the investigation is not complete in all respects, the petitioner would fully cooperate, and if the challan/charge sheet is filed, he would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses in any manner till the completion of the trial."

4. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and also perused the materials available on record.

5. It is not in dispute that the conditions stand fully complied with; the appellant has cooperated during the investigation; he has not threatened or intimidated any of the witnesses; or has tried to influence the investigation in any manner.

6. We have noticed the nature of crime and the manner in which it was allegedly committed.

7. We allow the present appeal by confirming the order dated 02.04.2026, passed by this Court, with a direction to the appellant to continue to cooperate during the investigation/trial and not to take any unnecessary adjournment. Also, the appellant shall report before the Investigating Officer every alternate Monday, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., till such time the investigation is complete in all respects.

8. If the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court feels that the investigation/trial is delayed on account of the appellant's 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.

9. Further, if the appellant possesses a passport, the same shall be surrendered before the Competent Authority/Court until the conclusion of the trial or directed otherwise.

10. The impugned judgment and order dated 10.03.2026  
is set aside.

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

.....J.  
(SANJAY KAROL)

.....J.  
(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)

NEW DELHI;  
MAY 08, 2026.

ITEM NO.7

COURT NO.11

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.5568/2026  
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated  
10.03.2026 in MCRC No. 8864/2026 passed by the High Court of  
Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

SATYA PRATAP SINGH BUNDELA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION AND IA No. 95166/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING  
O.T.)

Date : 08-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Umesh Babu Chaurasia, Adv.  
Ms. Manjula Chaurasia, Adv.  
Ms. Jaishree Tandon, Adv.  
Ms. Nilanjani Tabdon, Adv.  
Mr. Saurav Kumar, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Rajan K. Chourasia Ga, Adv.  
Mr. Harmeet Singh Ruprah, AOR  
Mr. Kanishk Sharma, Adv.  
Mr. Karan 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 signed order.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(RAJNI MUKHI)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(Signed order is placed on the file)

(ANU BHALLA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)