

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026  
(Arising out of SLP(CrL.) No.5524 of 2026)

PAWAN KUMAR CHANDRAVANSHI

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant challenges the judgment and order dated 09.03.2026 in Criminal Appeal No.479 of 2026, titled "*Pawan Kumar Chandravanshi Vs. State of Chhattisgarh*", passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur.
3. On 02.04.2026, this Court passed the following order:-

"1. The petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 09-03-2026 in CRLA No. 479/2026 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur titled "*Pawan Kumar Chandravanshi vs. State of Chhattisgarh*".

2. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

3. Issue notice, returnable on 04.05.2026.

4. Ms. Ankita Sharma,, Advocate-on-Record accepts notice on behalf of the State of Chhattisgarh. Hence, the formal service of notice on the respondent-State is waived.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner to serve a copy of the present petition to the learned counsel for the respondentState within a period of one week.

6. Let counter affidavit be filed within

two weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within one week thereafter.

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

8. In the event of arrest in connection with F.I.R./Crime No.03/2026 dated 05.02.2026, registered at Police Station Taregaon Jungle, District Kabirdham, Chhattisgarh, the petitioner shall be released on bail by the Investigating/Arresting Officer on such terms and conditions as imposed and found to be just, fair and reasonable.

9. The petitioner shall make himself available before the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer on 13.04.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as they may be required.

10. Needless to add, the petitioner would maintain good conduct and will 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 09.03.2026 is set aside.

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

.....J.  
(SANJAY KAROL)

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

NEW DELHI;  
MAY 04, 2026.

ITEM NO.8

COURT NO.9

SECTION II-C

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.5524/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 09-03-2026 in CRLA No. 479/2026 passed by the High Court of Chhatisgarh at Bilaspur]

PAWAN KUMAR CHANDRAVANSHI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 94667/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 04-05-2026 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. Arvind Gupta, AOR  
Mr. Anil Kumar Sahu, Adv.  
Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Adv.  
Mr. Kanav Bhardwaj, Adv.  
Mrs. Suman Sharma, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :Ms. Ankita Sharma, AOR  
Mr. Arjun D Singh, Adv.  
Ms. Ishika Neogi, Adv.  
Mr. Divya Tripathi, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Appeal is allowed in terms of signed order.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(RAJNI MUKHI)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANU BHALLA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed order is placed on the file)