

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(CrL.) No.6006 of 2026)

PISHOR SINGH

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant challenges the judgment and order dated 17.02.2026 in CRA-S No.2335 of 2025, titled "*Pishor Singh Vs. State of Punjab and Anr.*", passed by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh.
3. On 21.04.2026, this Court passed the following order:-

"1. The petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 17.02.2026 in CRAS No. 2335/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, prior to the registration of the instant FIR dated 05.07.2025, which was as a consequence of the complaint dated 08.04.2024 filed by the private respondent, the instant petitioner had instituted proceedings against private respondent no.2 under the provisions of Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 on 11.03.2024. Though the proceedings in the said complaint are pending, however, before the Panchayat, the petitioner and

private respondent no.2 entered into a settlement dated 18.03.2024. It is further submitted that the instant FIR dated 05.07.2025 is merely a counterblast to the proceedings initiated by the petitioner, and that the alleged allegations pertain to the period prior to 18.03.2024.

3. Issue notice, returnable on 22.05.2026.

4. Mr. Siddhant Sharma, Advocate-on-Record, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1-State of Punjab. Hence, formal service of notice on respondent No.1 -State is waived. Let notice be issued to respondent No.2.

5. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted. Let steps for service be taken within one week.

6. In the notice itself, let it be mentioned that respondent is required to file a counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner to serve a copy of the present petition to the learned counsel for the respondent No.1-State within one week.

8. Let counter affidavit be filed within two weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within one week thereafter.

9. In the event of arrest in connection with FIR No. 165 dated 05.07.2025, registered under Section 376 of the IPC and Section 3(1)(w) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (as amended in 2015), at Police Station Sadar Faridkot, District Faridkot, 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.

10. The petitioner shall make himself available before the Investigating Officer on 27.04.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as he may be required.

11. Needless to add, the petitioner 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 21.04.2026, 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 17.02.2026 is set aside.

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

.....J.
(SANJAY KAROL)

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

NEW DELHI;
MAY 22, 2026.

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).6006/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 17-02-2026 in CRAS No.2335/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

PISHOR SINGH

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

IA No. 102597/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 102593/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 22-05-2026 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. Priyesh Mohan Srivastava, Adv.
Ms. Anupama Dhurve, Adv.
M/s Mitter & Mitter Co., AOR

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Siddhant Sharma, AOR

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, which is placed on the file.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(SOURAV PAL)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)