

ITEM NO.6

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-B

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 SSPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No.18247/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 03-02-2026 in CRM No. 22732/2024 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

DEEPAK KUMAR ALIAS BINNY GUJJAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION)

(IA No. 132501/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING SLP & IA No. 132500/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

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

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Akhilesh Kumar Pandey, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

Ms. Baani Khanna, AOR
Mr. Robin Singh, Adv.
Mr. Kapil Balwani, Adv.
Ms. Komal Thakkar, Adv.

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

1. Delay condoned.
2. Exemption Application is allowed.
3. The petitioner was put to trial in the Court of the Additional Sessions Judge, Hoshiarpur PB-0093 in Sessions Case No.34 of 2015 for the offence punishable under Sections 302, 120B, 148 and 149 respectively of the Indian Penal Code (for short, "IPC") and Sections 25, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act, 1959 respectively.
4. At the end of the trial, the petitioner was held guilty of the alleged crime and was sentenced to undergo life imprisonment with fine.

5. Being dissatisfied with the Judgment and Order of conviction passed by the Trial Court, the petitioner has preferred Criminal Appeal Number 1241 of 2023 in the High Court.

6. It appears that the appeal has been admitted.

7. The petitioner preferred an application under Section 389 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 praying for suspension of the substantive order of sentence of life imprisonment and release on bail.

8. The High Court declined to suspend the substantive order of sentence of life imprisonment.

9. In such circumstances, the petitioner is here before us with the present petition.

10. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties.

11. We take notice of the fact that the petitioner is undergoing sentence of life imprisonment past almost 12 years. It took 10 years for the Trial Court to complete the trial. The criminal appeal of the petitioner is of the year 2024.

12. The High Court while declining to suspend the substantive order of sentence of life imprisonment has directed the Registry of the High Court to list the appeal for final disposal on 24th September, 2026.

13. We would like to wait till 24th September, 2026 and observe whether the High Court is able to take up the appeal for final hearing or not.

14. We request the High Court to give priority to this appeal of the petitioner and see to it that as far as possible the same is heard on 24-9-2026 considering the fact that he is in jail past 12 years.

15. For any good reason, if the High Court is unable to take up the Appeal on 24th September, 2026, then we shall look into the plea of the petitioner for release on bail on merits.

16. Post it in the month of October.

(VISHAL ANAND)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)