



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ /2026
[@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO.6611/2026]

RAKESH KUMAR SAHU Appellant(s)

VERSUS

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 19.12.2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur rejecting the bail prayer of the appellant in connection with FIR/Crime No.570/2025 registered at Police Station Sarai, District Singrauli (M.P.).
4. The submission of the learned counsel for the appellant is that the appellant has been falsely implicated by showing recovery of 820 bottles of cough syrup. It is the case of the appellant that

the recovery was allegedly made from a vehicle owned by the father of the appellant. The submission on behalf of the appellant is that he has no previous criminal antecedents and by now he has suffered incarceration of over nine months. It is also submitted that the trial is nowhere near conclusion. Besides, there was a co-passenger also in the vehicle. In such circumstances, the appellant has prayed for bail.

5. The learned counsel for the respondent has opposed the prayer for bail but could not dispute that the appellant has no previous criminal antecedents.

6. Having regard to the above, without expressing any opinion on merits of the case, we are of the view that the appellant is entitled to be released on bail pending trial.

7. The appeal is, accordingly, allowed. The impugned order passed by the High Court rejecting the bail prayer of the appellant stands 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.

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New Delhi
MAY 21, 2026

ITEM NO.7

COURT NO.14

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(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No(s). 6611/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 19-12-2025 in MCRC No. 56912/2025 passed by
the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at
Jabalpur]

RAKESH KUMAR SAHU

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

IA No. 99589/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 99591/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 99593/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 21-05-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Sumit R. Sharma, AOR
Mr. Piyush Gautam, Adv.
Mr. Aryan Verma, Adv.
Mr. Manav Singh, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : Ms. Mrinal Gopal Elker, AOR
Mr. Abhimanyu Singh -g.A., Adv.

Mr. Srajan Yadav, Adv.
Ms. Silpi S Swain, Adv.
Ms. Archana, 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 the signed order. The operative portion of the signed order reads thus:

"7. The appeal is, accordingly, allowed. The impugned order passed by the High Court rejecting the bail prayer of the appellant stands 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."

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

(KAVITA PAHUJA) (SAPNA BANSAL)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS COURT MASTER (NSH)
[Signed order is placed on the file]