



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. /2026
@ SLP (CRL) NO.6337/2026

KEWAL SINGH @ KALA APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB RESPONDENT

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant challenges the judgment and order dated 28.01.2026 in CRM-M No.71345/2025, titled "*Kewal Singh @ Kala Vs. State of Punjab*", passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh.
3. On 10.04.2026, this Court passed the following order:-

"1. Petitioner lays challenge to the judgment and order dated 28-01-2026 in CRMM No.71345/2025 (O&M) titled "*Kewal Singh @ Kala Vs. State of Punjab*" passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh.

2. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

3. Issue notice, returnable on 11.05.2026.

4. Mr. Siddhant Sharma, learned AOR, accepts 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 an advance copy of the present petition to the learned counsel for the respondent within a period of one (01) weeks.

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 FIR No.304/2025 registered at Police Station - Islamabad, District - Amritsar City, Punjab, 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 20.04.2026 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 maintain full cooperate, and if the challan / chargesheet 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. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that the co-accused - Sarabjit Singh alias Harry who is stated to have been absconding has been granted regular bail by the High court which fact is not brought to the notice of the learned Prosecution.

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

6. 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.

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

8. We allow the present appeal by confirming the order dated 10.04.2026, 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. The impugned judgment and order dated 28.01.2026 is set aside.

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

.....J.
(SANJAY KAROL)

.....J.
(NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH)

NEW DELHI;
MAY 12, 2026.

ITEM NO.59

COURT NO.11

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 S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No(s).6337/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 28-01-2026 in CRMM No.71345/2025 passed by
the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

KEWAL SINGH @ KALA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

Date : 12-05-2026 This petition was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Gursharan Singh, Adv.
Mr. Bankey Bihari, AOR

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

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the
following

O R D E R

Leave granted.

Criminal Appeal is allowed in terms of the
signed order placed on the file.

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

**(NEHA GUPTA)
COURT MASTER (SH)**

**(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)**