



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(@SLP(CRL.) NO.9377 OF 2026)

CHANDRIKA PRAJAPATI APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Heard.

2. Leave granted.

3. It is the case of the prosecution that complainant was induced by Avinash Prajapati through Shadi.com on the promise of marriage and later on after receiving large sums of money and gold, had sexual intercourse with her, or in other words, raped her and blackmailed her with a threat that her nude photographs and videos would be made viral and it is alleged that appellant herein is said to have aided him in the said acts.

4. We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the appellant and learned counsel for the State, who is on advance notice, and has opposed the grant of bail.

5. It is an undisputed fact that principal accused (Avinash Prajapati-husband of the appellant) has already been acquitted of all charges and in the instant FIR, he has also been granted bail. Having regard to these facts we are of the considered view that appellant is entitled for anticipatory bail.

6. Hence, appeal is allowed. Impugned order is set aside. Appellant is ordered to be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the jurisdictional court may deem fit to impose and also on the condition that appellant would appear before the jurisdictional court on all dates of hearing except when exempted for any specific reason.

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

.....J.
(ARAVIND KUMAR)

.....J.
(PRASANNA B. VARALE)

New Delhi;
May 19, 2026.

ITEM NO.59

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
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). 9377/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 29-04-2026 in CRLA No. 3357/2026 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

CHANDRIKA PRAJAPATI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

IA No. 154633/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 154635/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 19-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Kunal Raikwar, Adv.
Ms. Alpana Sharma, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Leave granted.
2. Appeal is allowed in terms of the Signed Order placed on the file.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(RASHI GUPTA)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)