



SLP (CRL.) NO. 7740/2026

ITEM NO.54

COURT NO.11

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 FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (CRL.) NO. 7740/2026**

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06-03-2026 in MCRLC No. 8869/2026 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

RATNESH BHATT

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 130157/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 130411/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 130410/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 28-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Siddharth R.Gupta, Adv.  
Mr. Mrigank Prabhakar, AOR  
Mr. Uddaish Palya, Adv.  
Mr. Shantanu Sharma, Adv.  
Mr. Aman Agarwal, Adv.  
Ms. Astha Singh, Adv.  
Mr. Surbhi Saxena, Adv.  
Mr. Sankalp Kochar, Adv.  
Mr. Siddharth Kochar, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Rajan Kumar Chauraiya, Adv.  
Ms. Mrinal Gopal Elker, AOR

O R D E R

1. The petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 06.03.2026 in MCRLC No. 8869/2026 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur.
2. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.
3. Issue notice, returnable on 28.05.2026.
4. Ms. Mrinal Gopal Elker, learned Advocate-on-Record accepts notice on behalf of the respondent/State of Madhya Pradesh. Hence, the formal service of notice on the respondent-State of Madhya Pradesh is waived.
5. Learned counsel for the petitioner to serve a copy of the present petition to learned counsel for the respondent/State of Madhya Pradesh forthwith.
6. Let counter affidavit be filed within three weeks. Rejoinder affidavit thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of listing.
7. In the event of arrest in connection with F.I.R. No. 22/2026, dated 20.01.2026, Police Station Majholi, District Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh for the

offences punishable under Sections 316(2), 318(4) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the petitioner shall be released on bail on the appropriate terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer. However, in the attending facts, one of the conditions shall necessarily be that if the petitioner possesses a passport, the same shall be deposited before the competent authority/Court till the conclusion of the Trial or directed otherwise.

8. The petitioner shall make himself available before the Investigating Officer on 11.05.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as he may be required.

9. Needless to add, till the investigation is not complete in all respects, the petitioner would fully cooperate and if the challan/charge sheet 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.

(POOJA SHARMA)  
AR-CUM-PS

(ANU BHALLA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)