



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.1765 OF 2026  
(@SLP(CRL.) NO.6123 /2026)  
(@ DIARY NO.904/2026)**

**MANNU KUMAR JHA @ MANNU JHA . . . . . APPELLANT**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF BIHAR & ANR. . . . . RESPONDENT**

**O R D E R**

1. Heard.
2. Delay condoned.
3. Leave granted.
4. Appellant who has been arraigned as an accused in FIR No.141/2024 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 302, 120-B and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 read with Section 27 of the Arms Act is before this Court seeking for being enlarged on regular bail since he has been denied the bail by both the Courts.
5. The father of the deceased was the informant who alleged that in the morning of 06.03.2024, he

had heard sound of gun-shot and went outside his house and saw his son had been shot by some unknown persons and on being taken to Katihar Medical College, his son was declared dead. Accordingly, FIR came to be registered. It is alleged that the local people who were able to apprehend one Mr. Alok Pradhan from the scene of the offence and on the basis of statement of the co-accused persons, the appellant was also apprehended and has been in custody since 21.02.2025.

6. As could be seen from the counter-affidavit filed by the State, the primary allegation against the appellant or in other words the role attributed to the appellant is that the primary accused - Alok Pradhan had given a confessional statement wherein he had stated that the present appellant, i.e., Mannu Kumar Jha alongwith two others had made arrangements for his stay and had arranged for food at Purnia. As to the actual role of the appellant in the alleged conspiracy

is a matter of evidence which will have to be thrashed out after trial. At this stage, the continued incarceration of the appellant would not be warranted. Hence, we allow the appeal, set aside the impugned order and direct the appellant to be released on regular bail on such terms and conditions as the jurisdictional Court deems fit including the condition of directing him to appear on all dates of hearing except when exempted specifically by the trial court.

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

.....J.  
(ARAVIND KUMAR)

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

NEW DELHI;  
APRIL 06, 2026.

ITEM NO.6

COURT NO.16

SECTION II-A

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).20348/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order  
dated 03-07-2025 in CRASJ No. 735/2025 passed by  
the High Court of Judicature at Patna]

SABID ALI @ MD SABID ALI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR & ANR.

Respondent(s)

WITH

Diary No(s). 904/2026 (II-A)

IA No. 39224/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 39225/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 06-04-2026 This petition was called on for  
hearing today.

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

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Subhasish Bhowmick, AOR  
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Mr. Rakesh Kumar Tiwari, Adv.  
Mr. Ashutosh Singh, Adv.  
Mr. Rahul Kushwaha, Adv.

Mrs. Anjana Prakash, Sr. Adv.  
Mr. Anuj Prakaash, Adv.  
Mr. Nijar Dubey, Adv.  
Mr. Pradum Kumar, Adv.  
Mr. Kumar Mihir, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Manish Kumar, AOR  
Mr. Divyansh Mishra, Adv.  
Mr. Kumar Saurav, Adv.

Ms. Fauzia Shakil, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

SLP (Crl.) No.20348/2025:

Having heard the learned counsels appearing for the parties and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, we are of the considered view that granting of the discretionary relief at this stage is not appropriate and hence, reserving liberty to the petitioner to revive his prayer for the grant of regular bail after examining all these three witnesses, i.e., Purushottam Paswan, Md. Aftab Alam and Shubham Paswan.

With this liberty, the petition stands dismissed.

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

Criminal Appeal No.1765 /2026 @ SLP (Crl)  
No.6123/2026 @ Diary No(s). 904/2026:

Delay condoned.

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)

(AVGV RAMU)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)