



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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____/2026
[Arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.3/2026]**

MANJEET KAUR

APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

RESPONDENT

WITH

**CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____/2026
[Arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.1581/2026]**

RAJINDER SINGH

APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

RESPONDENT

ORDER

1. Leave granted.
2. The High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh, by the impugned judgment(s) and

order(s) dated 15th December, 2025, has rejected the appellants' prayers for bail in anticipation of arrest.

3. Appellants figure as accused in FIR No.76 of 2025 dated 27th March, 2025 registered at Police Station Sohana, District S.A.S. Nagar under Sections 406 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860.

4. We have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.

5. It is not in dispute that the appellants have joined investigation in terms of the earlier orders of this Court.

6. In such view of the matter and having regard to the nature of allegations, we are of the considered opinion that the appellants' detention for custodial interrogation is not necessary and that they may be admitted to an order for grant of bail in anticipation of arrest.

7. Accordingly, we set aside the impugned judgment(s) and order(s).

8. It is directed that in the event of the appellants being arrested, they shall be released on bail on terms and conditions to be imposed by the trial court.

9. If the investigating officer requires the presence of the appellants for further interrogation, they shall diligently appear before such officer and cooperate failing which liberty is granted to bring any such omission to the notice of the trial court and seek cancellation of bail.

10. Needless to observe, the appellants shall not, directly or indirectly, by making inducement, threat or promise, dissuade any person acquainted with the facts of the case from disclosing such facts to any police officer or to the court.

11. We repeat, if the appellants breach any of the terms and conditions for grant of bail, the trial court shall be free to cancel the same.

12. We clarify that the observations made in this order and grant of bail to the appellants in anticipation of arrest will not be treated as findings on

the merits of the case.

13. The appeals are, accordingly, allowed on the aforesaid terms.

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

.....J.
(DIPANKAR DATTA)

.....J.
(SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA)

**NEW DELHI;
MARCH 20, 2026.**

ITEM NO.2

COURT NO.8

SECTION II-B

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.3/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 15-12-2025 in CRM-M No.56846/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

MANJEET KAUR

Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent

I.A. No.66/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

I.A. No.65/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

WITH

SLP(Crl) No.1581/2026 (II-B)

I.A. No.27721/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

I.A. No.27720/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 20-03-2026 These matters were called on for
hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Dhruv Dwivedi, AOR
Mr. Ankit Gerewal, Adv.
Mr. K. Shreyash Subudhi, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Ashish Pandey, AOR

**Mr. Siddhant Sharma, AOR
Mr. Vikram Choudhary, Adv.**

Ms. Nupur Kumar, AOR

**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made
the following**

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

**(MANIK KUMAR) (SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT COURT MASTER (NSH)
(signed order is placed on the file)**