



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

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. OF 2025
[arising out of SLP (Crl.) No. 6956 of 2025]

MAKHAN LAL PATEL

APPELLANT

VERSUS

THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH & ANR.

RESPONDENTS

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur by the impugned judgment and order dated 26th November, 2024 has rejected the appellant's prayer for bail.
3. The appellant, figuring as an accused in FIR No. 0057 dated 25th June, 2023 registered with Police Station Khadgaon, District Mohla-Manpur-Ambagadh, is in custody since 20th July, 2023. It is alleged in the FIR that the appellant committed offence(s) punishable under Section(s) 302, 307 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
4. We have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the materials on record.
5. We are informed that the evidence of 19 out of 23 witnesses proposed to be examined by the prosecution has been recorded.
6. The appellant is on interim bail *vide* order dated 7th October, 2025.

There is no complaint of breach of terms and conditions of such bail.

7. In view thereof, the appeal deserves to succeed. The interim bail granted to the appellant, on terms, is made absolute. The trial court may, if required, impose additional terms and conditions.

8. The appellant shall, however, appear before the trial court on the dates fixed, unless exempted; and should the appellant fail to appear on any date without justifiable cause or breach any of the terms and conditions for grant of bail, the trial court shall be at liberty to cancel the bail.

9. Consequently, the impugned judgment and order stand set aside.

10. We clarify that the observations made in this order and grant of bail will not be treated as findings on the merits of the case.

11. The appeal is, accordingly, allowed on the aforesaid terms.

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

.....J.
[DIPANKAR DATTA]

.....J.
[AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH]

**New Delhi;
December 15, 2025.**

ITEM NO.1

COURT NO.8

SECTION II-C

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 6956/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 26-11-2024 in MCRC No. 7791/2024 passed by the High Court of Chhatisgarh at Bilaspur]

MAKHAN LAL PATEL

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH & ANR.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 104328/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 104330/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 15-12-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Abhinav Shrivastava, AOR
Mr. Pawan Kumar Kashyap, Adv.
Ms. Unnati Vaibhav, Adv.
Ms. Barkha Agrawal, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Vinayak Sharma, Standing Counsel, Adv.
Mr. Ravinder Kumar Yadav, AOR

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

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order placed on the file.

(JATINDER KAUR)
P.S. to REGISTRAR

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)