

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NOS.4734-4737 OF 2025
(@ SLP (CRL.) NOS. 4883-4886/2025)

PRADEEP MITTAL

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ANR. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties at length.
3. We have also perused the judgment and order dated 07.03.2025 passed by the High Court.
4. We have noted the observations made by the High Court in paragraphs 45 and 46 of the impugned order, which are reproduced below :

"45. Further, except the recovery of dead body as per prosecution location of mobile phones of the applicant Rachit Nagar and other accused persons were found between Bennett University and place from where dead body was recovered and all the accused persons were well connected with each other but this Court finds merit in the argument advanced by learned counsel for the applicants that merely on the basis of such evidence however doubt can be

created against them but at this stage it cannot be said that they involved in the present crime.

46. Further, however, as per prosecution on the pointing out of the applicant Shubham Chaudhary, Swift four wheeler along with mobile phone and Spade was recovered after taking him on police remand but this Court is of the view that at this stage merely on the basis of such recovery also it cannot be said that he involved in the present crime considering the fact that there is no evidence on record which can suggests that he was last seen along with deceased either in the Swift car or at any place."

5. It appears to us that the High Court has practically given a clean chit to the accused which, in our opinion, is not proper by entering into the merits of the case at the time of consideration of bail.

6. At this stage, learned counsel appearing for the private respondents-accused submit that they would have no objection if the impugned order is set aside with liberty to them to approach the High Court/Trial Court again for grant of bail.

7. In view of the above, without making any further observations, we set aside the impugned judgment and order passed by the High Court.

8. Liberty is granted to the respondents-accused to approach the High Court/Trial Court for grant of bail without being influenced by the judgment and order

passed by the High Court or any observation made by us.

9. The appeals stand disposed of accordingly.

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

.....J.
(NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH)

.....J.
(MANMOHAN)

NEW DELHI
04th NOVEMBER, 2025
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ITEM NO.3

COURT NO.9

SECTION II

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). 4883-4886/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 07-03-2025 in CRMA No. 32559/2024 07-03-2025 in CRMA No. 39544/2024 07-03-2025 in CRMA No. 31760/2024 07-03-2025 in CRMA No. 30464/2024 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad]

PRADEEP MITTAL

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ANR. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

(IA No. 128040/2025 - DISPENSING WITH AUTHENTIC TRANSLATION
IA No. 67821/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT IA No. 189498/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 67820/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 184979/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 184800/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 128917/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 189496/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
IA No. 184976/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
IA No. 184799/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 04-11-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN

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

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

(Nidhi Mathur)
Court Master (NSH)

(Geeta Ahuja)
Assistant Registrar-cum-PS
(Signed Order is placed on the file)