



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.            OF 2026  
@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO.4176/2026

SANJAY

...APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

...RESPONDENT

O R D E R

1. Heard.
2. Leave granted.
3. Appellant who has been arraigned as an accused in FIR No.218/2019 registered for the offence punishable under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 is seeking for being enlarged on anticipatory bail.
4. After investigation, the chargesheet had been filed against six persons including the appellant herein.

5. The case of the prosecution is that the accused persons created and circulated links for online gaming and thereby cheated the complainant causing him wrongful loss and the accused persons had wrongfully gained. The trial having been proceeded against other accused persons (some of them) resulted in their acquittal vide judgment dated 19.12.2024. It is stated that the appellant herein was absconding and as such could not be brought to trial alongwith other accused. The impugned order would only indicate on account of the appellant having absconded as a ground for refusal of anticipatory bail. The fact remains that even when the other co-accused were tried, the chargesheet had already been filed against all the accused persons including the appellant. If it were to be so, we see no reason as to why the custodial interrogation of the appellant would be warranted. To allay any apprehension of the prosecution, it would suffice if the appellant is put to strict terms while being

granted the relief of anticipatory bail. Hence, we allow the appeal, set aside the impugned order and direct the appellant to be released on anticipatory bail by the jurisdictional Investigating Officer on such terms and conditions as he deems fit to impose including the condition of directing him to appear for further investigation if warranted and appellant cooperating with the further investigation. Appellant shall also appear before the jurisdictional Court on all the dates of hearing.

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

.....J.  
(ARAVIND KUMAR)

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

NEW DELHI;  
MARCH 12, 2026.

ITEM NO.34

COURT NO.16

SECTION II-E

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)  
No(s).4176/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order  
dated 08-12-2025 in MCRC No. 53654/2025 passed by  
the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Indore]

SANJAY

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

IA No. 73081/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF  
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 73084/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 12-03-2026 This matter was called on for  
hearing today.

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

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Virender Verma, Adv.  
Mr. Jitendra Kumar Singh, Adv.  
Mr. Sumant Datt, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the  
following

O R D E R

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)