



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 3626 OF 2026
(@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO. 6286/2026)

RANJEET SINGH ALIAS RAJA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF RAJASTHAN & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

ORDER

1. We have heard learned counsel for the appellant, learned counsel for the respondent-State of Rajasthan and learned counsel for Respondent No.3-de facto complainant.

2. Leave granted.

3. The appellant is aggrieved by order dated 23.03.2026 passed by the High Court of Rajasthan at Jodhpur (briefly the 'High Court' hereinafter), rejecting the prayer for anticipatory bail of the appellant.

4. It is stated that appellant has been arrayed as an accused in FIR No.115/2025 registered at Police Station-Lalgarh Jatan, District- Ganganagar, Rajasthan under Sections 126(2), 115(2) and 189(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'BNS').

5. Allegation against the appellant is that he had caused injury to the de facto complainant.

6. This Court, by order dated 13.04.2026, had issued notice and granted interim protection to the appellant

subject to the appellant co-operating with the investigation.

7. Learned counsel for the respondent-State of Rajasthan has drawn the attention of the Court to the counter affidavit filed and submits that appellant has number of criminal antecedents. That apart, the present case concerns causing of bodily injury to the de facto complainant. Therefore, appellant may not be granted anticipatory bail.

8. Submission of learned counsel for the respondent-State of Rajasthan is supported by learned counsel for Respondent No.3-the de facto complainant, who submits that in a case of this nature, anticipatory bail may not be granted to the appellant.

9. On the other hand, learned counsel for the appellant has drawn the attention of the Court to the rejoinder affidavit filed by the appellant and submits that in one case, appellant has been acquitted whereas trial in the other cases are ongoing, where appellant has been enlarged on bail. In a case relating to the Illegal Gambling Act, appellant was convicted and only sentence of fine was imposed. He submits that pursuant to the order of this Court dated 13.04.2026, appellant has been co-operating with the investigation.

10. This fact is not denied by learned counsel for the respondent(s).

11. Considering the above, we are of the view that the

interim protection granted by this Court vide order dated 13.04.2026 should be made absolute.

12. That being the position, we set aside the impugned order dated 23.03.2026 passed by the High Court and make the order dated 13.04.2026 absolute. However, the appellant shall continue to co-operate with the investigation of the case.

13. We make it clear that in the event appellant does not co-operate with the investigation or tries to influence the witnesses, the respondent-State of Rajasthan would be at liberty to move for cancellation of bail.

14. Consequently, the Criminal Appeal is allowed.

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

.....J.

[UJJAL BHUYAN]

.....J.

[ATUL S. CHANDURKAR]

NEW DELHI;
03rd AUGUST, 2026.
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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 6286/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 23-03-2026 in SBCRMBA No. 15216/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jodhpur]

RANJEET SINGH ALIAS RAJA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF RAJASTHAN & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 107098/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 107103/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 03-08-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ATUL S. CHANDURKAR

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

1. Leave granted.
2. The Criminal Appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order placed on the file.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(ABHINAV KUMAR)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(CHETNA BALOONI)
COURT MASTER (NSH)