



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

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____ OF 2026

(@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) No.11109/2026)

MANZAR KHAN APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF JHARKHAND RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. We have heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. Appellant is aggrieved by order dated 15.01.2026, passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi (briefly the 'High Court' hereinafter) rejecting the anticipatory bail application of the appellant.
4. Appellant is an accused in FIR No.24 of 2011, registered at Police Station Sadar (Vigilance), Ranchi, under Sections 406, 409, 467, 468, 109 and 120B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC) read with Sections 13(1)(D) and 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
5. Allegation against the appellant is that the

partnership firm M/s. Qayamuddin Khan & Co. had carried out some contract works but in the construction there were lot of irregularities causing loss to the public exchequer. It is the case of the prosecution that there was fraudulent activity committed by the partnership firm in collusion with the government officials resulting in unsatisfactory construction works, besides leading to loss to the public exchequer. Appellant is a partner of the partnership firm.

6. On 03.06.2026, this Court had issued notice and directed that the appellant should not be arrested subject to the appellant cooperating with the investigation.

7. In the course of the hearing today, we find that investigation is complete whereafter charge sheet was submitted before the Trial Court. Trial Court has taken cognizance, however, the trial has not yet commenced.

8. Learned State counsel submits that appellant has not appeared before the Trial Court for which non-bailable warrant of arrest has been issued. Even after the interim protection was granted by this Court, he failed to appear before the Trial Court.

9. On a query by the Court, learned counsel for the appellant submits that the interim order passed by this Court was not being accepted by the Trial Court.

10. Be that as it may, we are of the view that since investigation is complete, and the matter is before the

Trial Court, question of arrest of the appellant by the police does not arise. Though technically speaking, anticipatory bail may not be warranted, however to avoid any mis-construction of the provisions of law, we are of the view that the interim protection granted by this Court on 03.06.2026 should be made absolute.

11. It is ordered accordingly.

12. We also direct the appellant to appear before the Trial Court on the next date fixed which we have been informed is on 21.11.2026 and submit bail bond which shall be accepted by the Trial Court.

13. Henceforth, appellant shall cooperate with the trial and appear on the dates fixed by the Trial Court. He shall not seek any unnecessary adjournments.

14. Appeal is accordingly allowed.

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

.....J.

(UJJAL BHUYAN)

.....J.

(ATUL S. CHANDURKAR)

NEW DELHI;
October 07th, 2026.
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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 11109/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 15-01-2026 in ABA No. 561/2017 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

MANZAR KHAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF JHARKHAND

Respondent(s)

IA No. 172932/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 07-10-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Pashupati Nath Razdan, Adv.
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Ms. Vishakha Jha, Adv.
Mr. Mrityunjai Singh, Adv.
M/s Acme Legal- 2577, AOR

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Shantanu Sagar- 2058, AOR

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

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

(IRAMNAZ)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(CHETNA BALOONI)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(signed order is placed on the file)