



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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL No. _____ OF 2026
(@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) No.10054/2026**

SATPAL SINGH ALIAS SONI		APPELLANT(S)
VERSUS		
THE STATE OF JHARKHAND		RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. We have heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. By filing this appeal, appellant has assailed the legality and correctness of the Order dated 08.04.2026, passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi, (briefly the 'High Court' hereinafter) rejecting the anticipatory bail application of the appellant.
4. Be it stated that appellant is an accused in B.S. Telco P.S. Case No.107 of 2023, registered under Sections 341, 342, 323, 324, 307, 384, 379, 364, 504, 506 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short, 'IPC').
5. The accusation against the appellant is that he along with others forcibly abducted the informant in a vehicle and assaulted him. The same was done with view to extract ransom. Further allegation is that appellant had snatched the gold-chain and wallet

of the informant.

6. This Court by Order dated 02.06.2026, had issued notice and granted interim protection to the appellant subject to the appellant cooperating with the investigation and exhibiting good conduct.

7. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that two of the co-accused of the appellant have been granted bail; one regular bail and the other anticipatory bail. Therefore, appellant may be granted the benefit of anticipatory bail.

8. On the other hand, learned State Counsel submits that there are three antecedents besides the present one of the appellant. He is a habitual offender. That apart, in the initial stage he had evaded the investigation. Therefore, appellant may not be granted anticipatory bail.

9. Responding to the aforesaid submission of learned State Counsel, learned counsel for the appellant submits that out of the 3 antecedents, appellant has been acquitted in one and in the other two, charge sheets have been filed. In both the matters, appellant is on bail. He further submits that pursuant to the interim protection granted by this Court, appellant had appeared before the Investigating Officer and has cooperated with the investigation.

10. On a query by the Court, learned State counsel submits that investigation is now complete whereafter charge sheet has been submitted on 25.07.2026. Matter is now before the Court for framing of charge.

11. Having regard to to the fact that this Court had granted interim protection to the appellant while issuing notice pursuant

to which he had cooperated with the investigation and the fact that investigation is complete following which charge sheet has been filed, we are of the opinion that the interim protection granted to the appellant may be made absolute.

12. Accordingly, we set aside the impugned order dated 08.04.2026 and make our order dated 02.06.2026 absolute. We direct that appellant shall appear before the concerned police station once in every month i.e., on the first Monday of the month at 11:00 am till commencement of the trial. Once trial commences, he shall render full cooperation to the trial.

13. Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

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

.....J.

(UJJAL BHUYAN)

.....J.

(ATUL S. CHANDURKAR)

NEW DELHI;
August 12th, 2026.
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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.10054/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 08-04-2026 in ABA No. 1442/2026 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

SATPAL SINGH ALIAS SONI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 163749/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 12-08-2026 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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For Respondent(s) :Ms. Tulika Mukherjee, AOR
Mr. Beenu Sharma, Adv.
Mr. Venkat Narayan, Adv.

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

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

(IRAMNAZ)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(CHETNA BALOONI)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(signed order is placed on record)