



ITEM NO.2

COURT NO.6

SECTION II-C

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

Criminal Appeal No.2460/2026

V. BALAKRISHNAN

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE REP BY THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE Respondent(s)

[ONLY PRAYER FOR BAIL IS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM]

(IA No. 220896/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. & IA
No. 220898/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM SURRENDERING WITHIN TIME)

Date : 13-07-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. VINOD CHANDRAN

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

1. The matter has come up today to consider the plea of the appellant - convict for suspension of the substantive order of sentence and release on bail, pending the final disposal of his Criminal Appeal before us.

2. The appellant, at the relevant point of time, was serving as the Branch Manager, Indian Bank, Anna Nagar Branch.
3. He was put to trial sometime in 1990-1991 for the offence punishable under Sections 120B read with 420 of the Indian Penal Code (for short, "IPC") and Section 13(2) read with Section 13(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1985 (for short, "PC Act")
4. At the end of the trial, the appellant was held guilty of the alleged offence and was sentenced to undergo one year of rigorous imprisonment with a fine of Rs.5,000/-.
5. The appellant - convict went in appeal before the High Court. The High Court dismissed the appeal and thereby affirmed the Judgment and Order of conviction and sentence.
6. We heard Mr. S. Nagamuthu, the learned Senior counsel appearing for the appellant and Mr. D.P. Singh, the learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the CBI.
7. We take notice of the fact that the appellant - convict is 76 years of age. He surrendered before the jail authorities sometime in May 2026. As on date, the appellant is in custody undergoing the sentence. The prosecution is also by now almost 36 years old. We also looked into the evidence on record.
8. We are of the view that we should order release of the appellant - convict, pending the final disposal of his appeal before us.
9. The appellant is ordered to be released on bail, subject to terms and conditions that the trial court may deem fit to impose.
10. Notify the main appeal for final hearing on 17th August, 2026.
11. Registry shall call for the record and proceedings from the trial court in both forms, physical and digital. The digital record shall be provided to both the learned counsel at the earliest.

(VISHAL ANAND)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)