

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

TRANSFER PETITION (CRL.) NO. 967 OF 2026

MOHAMMED AFZAL

PETITIONER

VERSUS

M/S PNB METLIFE INDIA INSURANCE CO. LTD

RESPONDENT

O R D E R

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.
2. The sole ground raised in this Transfer Petition relates to the field of inconvenience.
3. In view of the decision of this Court by a Division Bench in "M/s Shri Sendhur Agro & Oil Industries vs. Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. in TP (Crl.) No. 608/2024 reported in 2025 INSC 328", it was laid down that inconvenience alone cannot be a ground for successfully seeking a transfer of a pending case from one State to the other. The relevant extract of the said judgment is reproduced below:

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65. For the purpose of transfer of any case or proceedings under Section 406 of the Cr.P.C., the case must fall within the ambit of the expression "expedient for the ends of justice". Mere inconvenience or hardship that the accused may have to face in travelling from Coimbatore to Chandigarh would not fall within the expression "expedient for the ends of justice". The case must fall within any of the five situations as narrated in para 49 of this judgment. It is always open for

the petitioner accused to pray for exemption from personal appearance or request the Court that he may be permitted to join the proceedings online.

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4. In view of the above, since no good ground is made out, the Transfer Petition stands dismissed.

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

.....J.
(SHEEL NAGU)

NEW DELHI;
OCTOBER 26, 2026.

ITEM NO.1619

COURT NO.6

SECTION XVI-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Transfer Petition (Criminal) No. 967/2026

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VERSUS

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Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

(IA No. 271715/2026 - EX-PARTE STAY)

Date : 26-10-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Pradeep Yadav, Adv.

Mr. Atul Singh, Adv.

Mr. Priyanshu Upadhyay- 3734, AOR

For Respondent(s) : Ms. Shweta Singh Parihar- 3201, AOR (VC)

Mr. Ashvin Bhadviya, Adv.

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

1. The Transfer Petition stands dismissed in terms of the signed order placed on the file.
2. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(SACHIN)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(AJEET SINGH TARIYAL)
BRANCH OFFICER