IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL No.5447/2026
[Arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.18219/2026]

BABULAL MEENA **APPELLANT**

VERSUS

THE STATE OF RAJASTHAN **RESPONDENT**

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. The High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan, Bench at Jaipur, by the impugned judgment and order dated 24th August, 2026, has dismissed the appellant's prayer for grant of bail.

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Reason:

3. Appellant, figuring as an accused in FIR No.0028 of 2025 dated 21st February, 2025 registered at Police Station Moti Dungri, District Jaipur City, Rajasthan under Sections 314, 316(2), 318(2) & 323 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, was arrested on 05th May, 2026.

4. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the materials on record including the counter affidavit of the respondent.

5. It is not in dispute that upon completion of investigation, charge-sheet has been filed on 09th June, 2026. Prosecution proposes to examine 12 (twelve) witnesses to drive home the charges. The charges are, however, yet to be framed. Trial, in the circumstances, is likely to take time.

6. Taking an overall view of the matter and particularly in view of seizure of incriminating documents, we find that further detention of the appellant in custody may not serve any useful purpose; hence, we are inclined to accept the

appeal and grant relief as prayed by admitting the appellant to an order for grant of bail.

7. Accordingly, we set aside the impugned judgment and order.

8. Appellant shall be released on bail, subject to furnishing of bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial court and subject to such other terms and conditions as may be imposed by it.

9. In the event there is any breach of the terms and conditions for grant of bail, the trial court shall be at liberty to cancel the bail of the appellant.

10. It is also ordered that the appellant shall diligently attend proceedings of the trial, unless exempted. If he abstains from attending the proceedings without justifiable cause, that could also be seen as breach of the conditions for grant of bail and the trial court will be free to pass appropriate orders.

11. We clarify that the observations made in this order and grant of bail will not be treated as findings on the merits of the case.

12. The appeal is, accordingly, allowed on the aforesaid terms.

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

.....J.
(DIPANKAR DATTA)

.....J.
(SHEEL NAGU)

New Delhi;
November 19, 2026.

ITEM NO.3 COURT NO.6 SECTION II-D

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

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.18219/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 24-08-2026 in SBCRMBA No.7878/2026 passed by the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jaipur]

BABULAL MEENA Petitioner

VERSUS

THE STATE OF RAJASTHAN Respondent

I.A. No.292688/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 19-11-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Abhishek Gupta- 1905, AOR
Mr. Deepak Chauhan, Adv.
Ms. Sheena Taqui, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Padmesh Mishra, A.A.G.
Mr. S. Udaya Kumar Sagar, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.

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

(MANIK KUMAR) **(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)**
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT **COURT MASTER (NSH)**
(signed order is placed on the file)