



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

Criminal Appeal No. /2026

(Arising out of SLP(Crl.) No.13390/2026)

VIKRAM

Appellant

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

Respondent

O R D E R

- 1.** Heard.
- 2.** Leave granted.
- 3.** Appellant has challenged the impugned judgment and order dated 21.05.2026 passed by the High Court Punjab and Haryana in CRMM No. 16006/2026 whereunder the appellant prayed for grant of regular bail and same has been dismissed.
- 4.** It is the case of the prosecution that appellant and his family members continuously harassed the deceased for a

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Creta Car and a Gold Chain, denied her food during pregnancy and secretly administered abortion pills causing her miscarriage which ultimately led to her to commit suicide on 16.03.2025.

5. We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties. Mr. K Parameshwar, learned senior counsel appearing for the appellant submits that medical records conclusively prove that deceased was suffering from pre-existing ailments Brain TB, PCOD, Kidney Stones and her pregnancy was not viable (missed abortion) leading to a medically advised (D&C) procedure on 15.03.2025 and she was never administered or forced to consume abortion pills. He also contends that appellant was a caring husband who constantly provided the deceased-wife the medical treatment and had in fact admitted the deceased to medical insurance in the month of February, 2025, which contradicts the prosecution theory of cruelty and denial of food and care. Hence, he prays for allowing the appeal grant of bail. Whereas, the learned counsel appearing for the respondent-State supports the impugned order and prays for dismissal of the appeal.

6. Having heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties, we notice at the outset, that there is a delay of 18 hours in registering the FIR. The initial statement given by the brother of the deceased during the inquest proceedings does not contain any allegation of dowry demand cruelty or suspicion against the appellant. *Prima Facie*, the post mortem report also indicate that the dead body of the deceased as found was healthy with no external injury or struggle marks and as such the prosecution will have to establish beyond reasonable doubt the alleged physical assault and starvation meted out to the deceased. Hence, we desist from examining the grounds urged in the present appeal as it is likely to prejudice the prosecution case.

7. For the reasons aforesaid, we are of the considered view that appellant is entitled to be released on bail. Accordingly, we allow this appeal is allowed and set aside the impugned order. Appellant is ordered to be released on regular bail on such terms and conditions as the jurisdictional Court deems fit to impose.

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

..... J.
(ARAVIND KUMAR)

..... J.
(VIPUL M. PANCHOLI)

New Delhi;
October 16, 2026.

ITEM NO.5

COURT NO.10

SECTION II-B

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No(s). 13390/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 21-05-2026 in CRMM No. 16006/2026 passed by
the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

VIKRAM

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

Respondent(s)

IA No. 213025/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 213026/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 303309/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No. 213027/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 16-10-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

For Petitioner(s) :

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For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Anurag Kulharia- 4427, AOR
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Heard.
2. Leave granted.
3. The criminal appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.
4. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(DEEPANSHU)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)