

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION



CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2025
@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO.11845/2025

JEEVAN LAL GURJAR

...APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

...RESPONDENT

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. Having heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties and on perusal of the records, it would indicate that appellant alongwith Ashok Sharma (Accused No.1) was found transporting 221.313 kgs of ganja (psychotropic substance) in eight pieces of white plastic sack and one jute sack inside the vehicle registered in the name of accused No.1. On account of non-satisfactory reasons assigned by the inmates of the vehicle, they were apprehended and the narcotic substance was seized under panchnama. After investigation, the chargesheet has been filed and eight witnesses out of eleven witnesses have already been examined by the prosecution. The record would also indicate that panch witnesses (PW-1 and PW-2) have turned hostile. It is the specific case of the appellant that he was travelling alongwith accused No.1 and he was not knowing the contents, which was being carried

in the vehicle. As to the complicity of the appellant, it has to be established by the prosecution during the course of the trial. We do not propose to go into the veracity of the statements made by the witnesses at this stage as it is likely to prejudice either of the parties.

3. The appellant having been in long incarceration and the trial is on the verge of completion, we do not think it would be just and proper for the appellant to be in custody. Hence, we allow this appeal and set aside the impugned order and direct for the appellant being enlarged on bail on such terms and conditions as the jurisdictional court may impose and also on the condition that appellant shall cooperate with the investigation and shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when called upon and the appellant shall not indulge in either inducing or threatening the witnesses or tamper with the evidence. Accordingly, the appeal stands allowed.

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

.....J.
(ARAVIND KUMAR)

.....J.
(N.V. ANJARIA)

NEW DELHI;
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.

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.11845/2025

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Respondent(s)

IA No. 181413/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 181415/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 16-09-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

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Ms. Ishika Neogi, Adv.

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

Leave granted.

Criminal Appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order placed
on the file.

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

(NEHA GUPTA)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)