



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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____/2026
[@ SLP [CRL.] NO.13739/2026]**

KAMAL SAHU

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF JHARKHAND

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appellant stands convicted for the offence punishable under Sections 302 and Section 201 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 by the Trial Court and has been sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life along with fine and default stipulations. The High Court was pleased to dismiss his application for suspension of sentence during the pendency of the appeal.

Aggrieved, the appellant is before this Court.

We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties.

The allegation against the appellant is that he murdered the deceased, who was none other than his wife. The appellant has already undergone incarceration for a period of more than four and a half years. The appeal of the appellant before the High Court is of the year 2024 and, therefore, the hearing of the appeal might take substantial period of time for its disposal.

Taking note of the aforesaid circumstances, we are inclined to suspend the sentence of the appellant, during the pendency of his appeal before the High Court.

Accordingly, the impugned order stands set aside. The sentence of the appellant is suspended and he is granted bail on such terms and conditions subject to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court.

The appeal stands allowed, accordingly.

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

.....J.
[M.M. SUNDRESH]

.....J.
[PRASANNA B. VARALE]

NEW DELHI;
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026.

ITEM NO.5

COURT NO.4

SECTION II-A

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). 13739/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 15-12-2025 in IA No. 14033/2025 in Crl.
Appeal (DB) No.522 of 2024 passed by the High
Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

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Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

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Date : 25-09-2026 This petition was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

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Mr. Manoneet Dwivedi, Adv.
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Ms. Anshala Verma, Adv.
Ms. Ishani Shrivastava, Adv.

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

Leave granted.

The sentence of the appellant is suspended and he is granted bail on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Trial Court.

The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.

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

(ASHA SUNDRIYAL)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POONAM VAID)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

[Signed order is placed on the file]