



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

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP (CrI.) No.4543 of 2026)

BHARAT SINGH **APPELLANT(S)**

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA **RESPONDENT(S)**

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant was arrested and imprisoned in connection with Crime/FIR No.RC1242025A0002 dated 31.01.2025 registered at Anti Corruption Branch, CBI, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh, for the offences punishable under Sections 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 7 and 7A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
3. The allegation was that a conspiracy was hatched by the officers of the

Central Goods and Services Tax, Raipur wherein the applicant is working as Superintendent, demanding a bribe of Rs.34 lakhs, pursuant to a raid conducted and thereby settling the tax liability arising under the Goods and Services Tax regime. The allegation was also of a demand of Rs.10 lakhs as bribe, on the basis of which a complaint was lodged before the CBI who laid a trap in which one of the co-accused was caught red handed.

4. The appellant has been incarcerated for more than one year and the charge sheet and the supplementary charge sheet have also been filed. Though, the said co-accused was granted bail as per Annexure P6, the learned Standing Counsel for the CBI pointed out that there is distinction on facts in terms of the status of the appellant herein and the co-accused, especially when an earlier SLP filed by the appellant was

declined on 04.08.2025.

5. Considering that substantial time has elapsed and as of now the charge sheet and the supplementary charge sheet have also been filed, we are of the opinion that the continued incarceration of the appellant pending trial is not required.
6. The appellant herein, Bharat Singh is directed to be released on bail in connection with Crime/FIR No. RC1242025A0002 dated 31.01.2025 registered at Anti Corruption Branch CBI, District Raipur, Chhattisgarh on appropriate terms and conditions as may be fixed by the trial court.
7. We clarify that we have not made any observations/comments on the merits of the case and any observation made in this order is meant only for the limited purpose of grant of bail. The appellant shall also co-operate with the trial, as and when commenced,

without seeking unnecessary adjournments.

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

.....J.
(SANJAY KUMAR)

.....J.
(K. VINOD CHANDRAN)

NEW DELHI;
MAY 15, 2026.

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The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.

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

(BABITA PANDEY)
AR-cum-PS

(Komal)
COURT MASTER (NSH)
(Signed order is placed on the file)