IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Criminal Appeal No……of 2026
(@Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).13608/2026)

DILIP KUMAR RAMGOPAL TIBREWAL
@ DILIP KUMAR TIBREWAL **Appellant(s)**

VERSUS

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND **Respondent(s)**

O R D E R

1. Leave granted. The present appeal arises out of the final judgment dated 11.05.2026 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi in Anticipatory Bail Application (A.B.A.) No. 533 of 2026, whereby the High Court rejected the prayer for anticipatory bail made by the appellant (DILIP KUMAR RAMGOPAL TIBREWAL) in connection with Telco P.S. Case No. 104 of 2018 (corresponding to G.R. Case No. 2027 of 2018). The said case was registered under Sections 406, 420, 468, 471, and 120B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Sections 132(1)(b), 132(1)(e), and 132(1)(i) of the Jharkhand Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the appellant submits that the appellant is a registered trader in Maharashtra who made bona fide purchases from M/s P.K. Traders against valid tax invoices and proper documentation. The appellant was neither named in the FIR dated 12.06.2018 nor was he charge-sheeted in Final Form No. 78/2020 dated 15.05.2020 submitted by the Investigating Officer.

3. Learned counsel for the State has opposed the appeal, submitting that the appellant is involved in an economic offence

causing loss to the public exchequer by wrongly claiming Input Tax Credit (ITC).

4. Having heard the learned counsel for the respective parties, it is noted that the investigation in the matter stands concluded and the charge-sheet has already been filed. The charges have been framed, and the trial is currently in progress. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the custodial interrogation of the appellant is no longer required. Consequently, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the appellant.

5. In view of the above, we set aside the impugned order dated 11.05.2026 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand. We direct that, in the event of arrest or appearance of the appellant (DILIP KUMAR RAMGOPAL TIBREWAL) he shall be released on anticipatory bail, subject to the conditions the I.O may deem fit to impose, on condition also of continued cooperation in the investigation.

6. Once the appellant is released on bail by the I.O, on directions issued by the I.O. or summons issued by the jurisdictional court, the appellant shall appear before the jurisdictional court and furnish bail bonds and ensure due appearance in the trial.

7. With the aforesaid, the appeal is allowed.

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

……J.
(J. B. PARDIWALA)

……J.
(K. VINOD CHANDRAN)

NEW DELHI;
SEPTEMBER 08, 2026.

ITEM NO.4 COURT NO.6 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).13608/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 11-05-2026 in A.B.A. No. 533/2026 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

DILIP KUMAR RAMGOPAL TIBREWAL
@ DILIP KUMAR TIBREWAL **Petitioner(s)**

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FOR ADMISSION
IA No. 217051/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 08-09-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. VINOD CHANDRAN

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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 which is placed on the file.

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

(HARPREET KAUR) **(POOJA SHARMA)**
COURT MASTER (SH) **COURT MASTER (NSH)**