



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2025
(Arising out of SLP(Crl.) No.17169/2025)

OM PRAKASH @ MOHIT SINGH

APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

RESPONDENT

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. The appellant is aggrieved by an order dated 14.02.2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur, declining suspension of his sentence and consequential release on bail.
4. The appellant has been convicted for the offences under Sections 489A to 489D of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, for printing fake currency. He was awarded 10-year sentence vide the judgment dated 08.09.2021. It may be mentioned that the appellant was arrested upon registration of the FIR on 01.03.2017.
5. Aggrieved by his conviction and consequential sentence, the appellant has filed a criminal appeal under Section 374(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 bearing Cr.A No.6056/2021, which is

pending before the High Court.

6. Pending the appeal, the appellant moved successive applications for suspension of sentence. Six such applications having been rejected by the High Court from time to time, he has approached this Court through legal aid.

7. Though learned counsel for the appellant in all fairness informs that the appellant has meanwhile moved a seventh bail application before the High Court, which is pending consideration, we do not deem it necessary to relegate him to pursue that application before the High Court.

8. Having regard to the fact that: (i) the appellant has already undergone 4 years and 6 months out of total sentence of 10 years; (ii) the criminal appeal of 2021 will take some reasonable time in final adjudication by the High Court; (iii) the appellant does not have criminal antecedents; and (iv) the appellant belongs to a marginalised community, who is largely depending upon the free aid to pursue his legal remedies, however, without expressing any opinion on merits, we allow this appeal; set aside the impugned order of the High Court dated 14.02.2025 and while allowing the application for suspension of sentence, moved by the appellant, he is directed to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the

satisfaction of the Trial Court.

9. As a consequence thereof, the seventh bail application, said to have been filed by the appellant before the High Court, shall stand disposed of as infructuous.

.....CJI.
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

New Delhi;
November 26, 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(s).17169/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 14-02-2025 in IA No.3466/2025 in Cr.A. No.6056/2021 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

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Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

Date: 26-11-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Kushagra Pandey, AOR
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For Respondent(s) :Mr. D.S. Parmar, AAG
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Mr. Saurabh Singh, Adv.
Mr. Chinmoy Chaitanya, Adv.
Ms. Silpi S. Swain, Adv.

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.
3. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
(signed order is placed on the file)