

ITEM NO.52

COURT NO.13

SECTION II-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

PETITION FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (CRL.) NO. 270/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 01-12-2025 in CRM No. 63847/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna]

SONI KUMARI

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR & ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 4420/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 13-01-2026 This matter was called for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

For Petitioner(s): Mr. Jay Kishor Singh, AOR
Mr. Mohit Raj, Adv.

For Respondent(s): Mr. Anshul Narayan, Addl. Standing Counsel
Mr. Prem Prakash, AOR

O R D E R

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the respondent(s)-State of Bihar, who has appeared on advance notice.

2. At the outset, learned counsel for the respondents prays for time to file counter affidavit.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though

the petitioner was employed as a Panchayat teacher in the year 2010 and had worked till February, 2015, but during the entire period she has not drawn any salary and further, after February, 2015, she had left her job and was residing with her husband at Gujarat. It was submitted that a general inquiry was made into the genuineness of the certificates of all the candidates so recruited during the period and a report was submitted indicating that many persons had got employed on the basis of forged and fabricated documents, including the petitioner. Thus, the High Court while dealing with the matter in a Public Interest Litigation had directed for removal of all those persons and had further directed that if within one month such persons voluntarily resigns from service, no coercive steps shall be taken against them.

4. However, learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner being at Gujarat, was unaware that the High Court had given a window to the petitioner to resign to forestall any future prosecution.

5. Having considered the matter, as prayed for by learned counsel for the State for filing counter affidavit, list on 11.02.2026.

6. In the meantime, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner in connection with the FIR No. 129 of 2025, dated 01.05.2025, registered at P.S. Nathnagar,

District Bhagalpur, Bihar.

7. Further, the petitioner within two weeks from today shall handover the original certificates, which are said to be forged and fabricated to the Investigating Officer of the case positively. She shall also file an affidavit in the present case that she will not seek any benefit whatsoever based on such document, in future also, before the next date of listing.

(POOJA SHARMA)
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(ANJALI PANWAR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR