

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026  
(Arising out of SLP(Criminal) No. 2025/2026)

SATKUNAM @ SABESAN

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Though the larger issue is pending consideration before this Court, we are inclined to set aside the impugned order so as to facilitate the appellant to seek an adjudication on merits in his appeal before the High Court.
3. Accordingly, the impugned order stands set aside. Question of law, if any, is kept open with a direction to the High Court to decide the appeal before it on merits.
4. Interim order dated 13.02.2026 stands vacated forthwith.
5. The Appeal stands disposed of, accordingly.

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

.....J.  
(M.M. SUNDRESH)

.....J.  
(PRASANNA B. VARALE)

New Delhi  
10.04.2026

ITEM NO.41

COURT NO.5

SECTION II-D

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(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 2025/2026

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 01-12-2025 in CRLA No. 2210/2025 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

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Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA

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(IA No. 40241/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No. 40239/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 10-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

Leave granted.

The Appeal stands disposed of in terms of the signed order.

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

(NISHA KHULBEY)  
COURT MASTER (SH)

(AVGV RAMU)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)