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R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G SSPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s). 2423/2026

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 07-01-2026 in WPPIL No. 164/2024 07-01-2026 in WPCRL No. 701/2023 07-01-2026 in WPPIL No. 69/2025 passed by the High Court of Uttarakhand at Nainital]

A.V. PREM NATH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

INDEPENDENT MEDIA INITIATIVE SOCIETY & ORS. ETC. Respondent(s)

(IA No. 19551/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 19549/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..))

Date : 29-01-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Raj Kishor Choudhary, AOR
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For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Permission to file Special Leave Petition(s) is granted.
2. The instant Special Leave Petitions challenges an interlocutory order dated 07.01.2026 passed by a Division Bench of the High Court of Uttarakhand wherein certain adverse observations have been made against the petitioner. Further, a report from the Vigilance Wing has also been sought. The primary ground taken by the petitioner is that he was not afforded an opportunity to be

heard before adverse comments were made against him and when the above-stated directions were issued.

3. In our considered opinion, the appropriate recourse for the petitioner would be to move an application before the High Court for recalling the adverse comments or the directions issued against him. The petitioner, if so advised, may move an application before the High Court, which may be considered in accordance with law.

4. With the liberty above-mentioned, the Special Leave Petitions stand dismissed.

5. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR