

ITEM NO.18

COURT NO.17

SECTION II-C

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

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No.3060/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 26-06-2025 in CRA No. 352/2022 passed by the High Court of Chhatisgarh at Bilaspur]

GOPAL THAKUR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

IA No. 42712/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 42715/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 16-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Mithilesh Kumar Singh, AOR  
Mr. Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Adv.  
Mrs. Manju Singh, Adv.  
Mr. Tarun Verma, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

1. Delay condoned.
2. Having heard Mr. Mithilesh Kumar Singh, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner(s), though we are not

inclined to interfere with the impugned order, however, considering that the sentence imposed is life imprisonment, let a notice be issued limited on the question of sentence, returnable on 25.3.2026.

3. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted.

4. Liberty is granted to the petitioner to serve notice through the Standing Counsel for the State/respondent.

(CHANDRESH)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(NIKITA SINGH)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)