



ITEM NO.7

COURT NO.11

SECTION II-E

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal(Crl.)No.2539/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 27-01-2026 in CRLP No. 16900/2025 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru]

VINAY RAJASHEKHRAPPA KULKARNI

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

RESPONDENT(S)

(IA No. 45771/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 45769/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. AND IA No. 49302/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

WITH

SLP(Crl) No. 2472/2026 (II-E)

Date : 27-02-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

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AOR

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

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1. The petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 27.01.2026 in Criminal Petition No.16900 of 2025, titled "*Vinay Rajashekhrappa Kulkarni Vs. Central Bureau of Investigation*" passed by the High Court Karnataka at Bengaluru, whereby the application for grant of regular bail stood dismissed.

2. The petitioner has been in custody since 13.06.2025 in connection with Spl.CC No.565/2021, pending before the LXXXI Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (CCH-82).

3. We have heard learned counsel for the parties, and perused the material placed on record.

4. We are informed that the prosecution has examined all the cited witnesses and no other

prosecution witness is required to be examined. The statement of the accused persons under Section 313 of the Cr.P.C. remains to be recorded, for which purpose the matter is listed before the Trial Court today i.e.27.02.2026.

5. We direct all the accused persons to remain present on such dates as may be fixed by the Trial Court and positively have their statements recorded.

6. Evidence in defense, if any, to be led by any of accused also has to be done on day-to-day basis.

7. Under all circumstances, the Trial Court ensure that the trial is concluded within two months from today.

8. We are further informed that save and except for the present accused all the remaining accused persons(20 Nos. approximately) have already been released on bail. Under these circumstances, we are of the considered view that the petitioner has made out a case for interference with the impugned order dated 27.01.2026.

9. We grant bail to the petitioner on such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Trial Court.

10. To comply with the order, the petitioner shall be produced before the Trial Court not later than 2nd March, 2026.

11. Needless to add, if the investigation is not complete in all respects, the petitioner(s) would fully cooperate, and if the challan/charge sheet is filed, he would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses in any manner till the completion of the trial.

12. If the Trial Court feels that the trial is delayed on account of the petitioner's conduct, it shall be open to the Trial Court to take appropriate steps in accordance with the law, including cancellation of bail.

13. The special leave petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

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

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1. Learned ASG, in all fairness, submits that since the examination of the prosecution witnesses

is over, he does not press the present petition save and except that the respondent herein be directed to fully co-operate with the examination of statement under Section 313 of the Cr.PC and conclusion of the trial within two months from today. Ordered accordingly.

2. The respondent, through learned counsel, undertakes to fully co-operate and appear on all such dates, as may be, fixed by the Trial Court.

3. The special leave petition is disposed of as not pressed.

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

(RAJNI MUKHI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)