

ITEM NO.32

COURT NO.9

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

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 2259/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 14-10-2025 in MCRC No. 8190/2025 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur]

AKASH KUMAR YADAV

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

DIRECTORATE OF REVENUE INTELLIGENCE (DRI)

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 28998/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

WITH

SLP(Crl) No. 6027/2026 (II-C)

(IA No. 102854/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT; IA No. 102856/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 29-04-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ MITHAL  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTI

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

SLP(CrL.) No. 2259/2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. The petitioner has been implicated in a case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 for transporting contraband in a vehicle which was driven by him.
3. The petitioner is a student and submits that he was driving the vehicle only as a driver as part time worker.
4. The charges have been framed on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 but so far not a single witness has been examined.
5. In the facts and circumstances of the case, we direct the Trial Court to examine the material witnesses on priority, most expeditiously and complete their examination within a period of three months.
6. Once the material witnesses are examined or in the event the material witnesses are not examined within the aforesaid time frame, the petitioner may

renew his bail application.

7. The present petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

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

SLP(CrI) No. 6027/2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

2. The petitioner, who is working as a mechanic, has been implicated in a case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, alleged to have made cavity in the Car for carrying the contraband.

3. The charges have been framed on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 but so far not a single witness has been examined.

4. In the facts and circumstances of the case, we direct the Trial Court to examine the material witnesses on priority, most expeditiously and complete their examination within a period of three months.

5. Once the material witnesses are examined or in the event the material witnesses are not examined within the aforesaid time frame, the petitioner may renew his bail application.

6. The present petition stands disposed of in the

above terms.

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

(SNEHA DAS)  
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(NIDHI MATHUR)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)