

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl) No(s).1559/2013

(From the judgement and order dated 21/01/2013 in BA No.3980/2012, of The HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI)

RAJESH KUMAR FOGLA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF JHARKHAND

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for bail and office report)

Date: 10/05/2013 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.S. THAKUR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHANSU JYOTI MUKHOPADHAYA

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, Sr. Adv.

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For Respondent(s) Mr. S.P. Singh, Adv.

Mr. Syed Tanweer Ahmad, Adv.

Mr. Ashok Dhamija, Adv.

Mr. B.V. Balaram Das, Adv.

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

Heard.

We see no reason to interfere with the impugned order. The special leave petition is dismissed.

Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, learned senior counsel for the petitioner, at this stage submits that for the past nearly two years the trial court has not heard the matter for framing of charges. Even the documents required to be supplied to the accused persons have not been supplied even though the petitioner is languishing in jail. He submits that an appropriate direction could be issued to the trial court to expedite the matter so far as the framing of charges are concerned. Counsel for the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) does not oppose that prayer.

In the circumstances, we direct that the trial court shall expedite hearing of arguments on framing of charges and pass orders as expeditiously as possible but not later than four months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. We further direct that after framing of charges the petitioner shall be at liberty to move a fresh application for bail which may be considered by the trial court on its merits. The trial court would do well to curb any tendency on the part of any counsel or accused to unnecessarily delay the disposal of the matter by it.

| (Mahabir Singh) |  
| Court Master || (Veena Khera) |  
| Court Master |