

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

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) .....Diary No(s).6259/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 29-10-2025 in WP(C) No.7998/2025 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi]

THE GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

RUSHANT MALHOTRA &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 40664/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 40659/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

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

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

For Petitioner(s) Ms. Swati Ghildiyal, AOR  
Ms. Neha Singh, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

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

1. Delay condoned.
2. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner-State and carefully perused the material placed on record.
3. In the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case, we do not find any valid ground to interfere with the discretion exercised by the High Court in granting retrospective honorarium-cum-remuneration to the Law Researchers.
4. The Special Leave Petition is, accordingly, dismissed.
5. As a result, the pending interlocutory application also stands disposed of.
6. However, the question of law is kept open to be decided in an appropriate case.

(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)  
ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR(PREETHI T.C.)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

