

ITEM NO.2

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-A

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 SPetition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.4461/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 14-10-2025 in CRLM No. 2044/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna]

WAJID ASIF

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 64759/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT & IA No. 64760/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 20-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Syed Mehdi Imam, AOR
Mr. Tashriq Ahmad, Adv.
Mr. Tabrez Ahmad, Adv.
Ms. Farzeen Iqbal, Adv.
Mr. Abdur Rahman Mallick, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Azmat H. Amanullah, Adv. (N.P.)
Ms. Vanshita Gupta, Adv.

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

1. Exemption Applications are allowed.
2. The petitioner has been denied anticipatory bail by the High Court in connection with Sirisiya Police Station Case No. 41 of 2024, District West Champaran registered for the offence punishable under Sections 341, 323, 328, 376, 379, 420 and 506 respectively of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short, "The IPC") and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000.
3. On 11-3-2026, this Court passed the following Order:-
"1. Delay condoned.

2. Heard Mr. Syed Mehdi Imam, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr. Azmat Hayat Amanullah, the learned counsel appearing for the State on an advance copy of the SLP.

3. Issue notice.

4. Mr. Azmat Hayat Amanullah, the learned counsel accepts and waives service of notice for and on behalf of Respondent No. 1-State. Let the notice be issued to other respondent.

5. In the meantime, the petitioner shall not be arrested.

6. However, we direct the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer (I.O.) for the purpose of interrogation.

7. The petitioner shall appear before the I.O. day after tomorrow i.e., 13.03.2026.

8. List on 20.03.2026."

4. We heard Mr. Syed Mehdi Imam, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Ms. Vanshita Gupta, the learned counsel appearing for the State of Bihar.

5. The learned counsel appearing for the State submitted that in pursuance of the Order passed by this Court, referred to above, the petitioner appeared before the Investigating Officer and he was interrogated. His Statement has also been recorded. She further brought to our notice that the petitioner had some documents with him to be produced and those documents have also been collected by the I.O.

6. We must appreciate the fair stance taken by the learned counsel appearing for the State as regards the overall merits of the matter. She gave us more than a fair idea about the case of the prosecution etc. We appreciate the manner in which she put the matter before us.

7. In the overall view of the matter, we are convinced that the petitioner has been able to make out a case for grant of anticipatory bail.

8. In view of the aforesaid, our Order dated 11-3-2026, referred to above, is made absolute.

9. The petitioner shall continue to cooperate in the investigation.

10. With the aforesaid, the Special Leave Petition stands disposed of.
11. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(VISHAL ANAND)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)