

ITEM NO.34

COURT NO.11

SECTION II

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(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (CrL.) No(s). 2939/2026

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 12-12-2025 in A482 No. 23788/2018 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad]

RAHUL

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH & ANR.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 52698/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 52701/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 02-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Abhinav Mukerji, Sr. Adv.
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For Respondent(s) Dr. Vijendra Singh, AOR
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Ms. Ashwina Lakra, Adv.

Ms. Ishika Neogi, Adv./AC

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

1. As per office report dated 01.04.2026, respondent no.2 stands served but despite service no appearance.
2. As such, in the interest of justice, we request and appoint Ms. Ishika Neogi, learned counsel (E-mail id:ishikaneogi@gmail.com and Enrolment No.D/6012/2025), who is

present in Court, as *amicus curiae* (pro bono), for respondent no.2 to assist the Court.

3. The Registry is directed to supply the complete paper book in digital form to the learned *amicus curiae* within a period of three working days.

4. Learned *amicus curiae* shall endeavour to get in touch with respondent no.2 directly in writing, apprising his about the pendency of the present petition; the passing of this order; his right of engaging a counsel of choice; and his right of being represented through a legal aid counsel, subject to eligibility.

5. Learned *amicus curiae* shall also get in touch with the Chairman of the concerned District Legal Services Authority, who shall also have respondent no.2 apprised of his rights to the aforesaid effect.

6. We clarify that the learned *amicus curiae* shall continue to assist the Court even if respondent no.2 is represented by a legally engaged counsel.

7. The Registry shall communicate this order to all concerned forthwith.

8. The Registry shall print the name of the learned *amicus curiae* in the cause list.

9. Let the appearing parties for the other side may file counter affidavit(s) within two weeks, if not filed earlier.

10. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within two weeks thereafter.

11. No further opportunity shall be afforded.

12. List on 06.05.2026.

(NIRMALA NEGI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)