

ITEM NO.20

COURT NO.5

SECTION II-D

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). 2365/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 28-01-2026 in BA No. 522/2026 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

SAMBATH K.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA

Respondent(s)

IA No. 42489/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 42488/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 42487/2026 - PERMISSION TO PLACE ADDITIONAL FACTS AND GROUNDS

Date : 11-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

For Petitioner(s) Ms. Pooja Dhar, Adv.  
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Ms. S. Ambica, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Harshad V. Hameed, Adv.

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

We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.

We do not find any ground to interfere with the impugned order passed by the High Court. However, on the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, we grant a period of two weeks to the petitioner to surrender before the concerned Trial Court.

After the petitioner has surrendered, liberty is given to the petitioner to file an application seeking regular bail. As and

when the application seeking for regular bail is filed as aforestated, the concerned Trial Court shall dispose of the same, within a period of two weeks, thereafter.

Needless to state that the observations made by the High Court in the impugned order will have no bearing in the application seeking grant of regular bail and the same shall be decided on its own merits.

The Special Leave Petition is, accordingly, disposed of with the aforesaid liberty.

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

(SWETA BALODI)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POONAM VAID)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR