

ITEM NO.26

COURT NO.8

SECTION II-C

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**SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s). 8299/2026**

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 24-01-2025 in CRA No. 662/2021 passed by the High Court of Chhatisgarh at Bilaspur]

**SURAJ RAJAK @ LALLU****Petitioner(s)****VERSUS****STATE OF CHHATTISGARH****Respondent(s)****IA No. 64443/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING****IA No. 64447/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.****Date : 11-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA****HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA****For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Brajesh Verma, Adv.****Ms. Amrita Panda, AOR****Ms. Ravina Nidhi Karn, Adv.****For Respondent(s) :**

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

1. Delay condoned.
2. We are not inclined to interfere with the impugned judgment and order of the High Court; hence, the special leave petition is dismissed.
3. It is submitted that the petitioner has been behind bars for more than 7 years out of the prison terms of 10 years imposed by way of sentence. Subject to the petitioner acquiring eligibility for pre-mature release in terms of the extant remission policy of the State of Chhattisgarh, the Superintendent of the Correctional Home where the petitioner is lodged shall move the appropriate Department in the Government for securing such release. An appropriate decision shall be taken by the Department without any delay, once the

Superintendent moves on behalf of the petitioner for securing his release.

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

**(JATINDER KAUR)**  
**P.S. to REGISTRAR**

**(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)**  
**COURT MASTER (NSH)**