

ITEM NO.7

COURT NO.11

SECTION II-A

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

PETITION FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (CRL.) NO. 2715/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 21-01-2026 in CRLM No. 265/2026 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna]

SHIV BHAKTI SINGH @ SHIV BHAKTI KUMAR

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

IA No. 48898/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 48896/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 18-05-2026 This matter was called for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Prashant Kumar, AoR (Through VC)

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Samir Ali Khan, AoR (Through VC)  
Mr. Pranjal Sharma, Adv.  
Mr. Kashif Irshad Khan Faridi, Adv.

O R D E R

Heard Mr. Prashant Kumar, learned Counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Samir Ali Khan, learned counsel for the respondent-State of Bihar.

2. The present petition has been filed seeking anticipatory bail in connection with FIR No. 4 of 2025, dated 07.01.2025, registered at Police Station Shahpur,

District Bhojpur, Bihar, for the offence punishable under Sections 289 and 110 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).

3. The allegation against the petitioner is that he had started the supply of electricity without verifying as to whether all the workers, who were doing the repair work were safe, which resulted in electrocution of a worker due to electricity current of 11000 Volt passing through the line, due to which his limb had to be amputated.

4. We have considered the matter in its entirety. A document on record has raised the Court's concern. The same is annexed as Annexure P-3, which is the Work Character Certificate issued by the Junior Electrical Engineer, Electricity Supply Branch, Shahpur. The same reads as under:

**"WORK CHARACTER CERTIFICATE**

It is certified that Shri Shivbhakti Mar, Button Operator-2, was employed at the Electricity Supply Branch, Shahpur, from 23.01.2019 to 20.09.2025. His work is commendable and excellent. He is not facing any departmental complaint/misconduct/pendency or pending criminal case/complaint in the court.

I wish them a bright future.

Sdf-

Junior Electrical Engineer  
Electricity Supply Branch Shahpur"

5. We are not only surprised, but also shocked as to how such certificate could have been issued, which categorically states *inter alia* that there was no pending criminal case against the petitioner. The period shown is 23.01.2019 to 20.09.2025.

6. The present case being instituted on 07.01.2025, a certificate stating that there was no criminal case pending against the petitioner after nine months of the present criminal case, cannot be explained. Thus, clearly the said certificate has been issued without any verification of there being truth in what has been stated in the said certificate. A document officially issued by an officer in his official capacity, which states falsity is a serious issue. The Court directs the learned counsel for the State of Bihar to communicate to the competent authority that appropriate proceedings be drawn against the said Junior Electrical Engineer, Electricity Supply Branch, Shahpur, for having issued a blatantly false Work Character Certificate.

7. Coming to the main issue, we have gone through the material on record and heard the learned counsel for the parties and we are not inclined to allow the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

8. The Special Leave Petition stands dismissed in the  
aforementioned terms.

9. Interim protection granted *vide* order dated 23.02.2026  
stands withdrawn forthwith.

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

(POOJA SHARMA)  
AR-CUM-PS

(ANJALI PANWAR)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR