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SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s).8471/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 16-08-2024 in CRLA No.541/2017 passed by the High Court of Orissa at Cuttack]

JYOCHHNA SAHOO @JYOCHHNAMAYEE @ JYOSTNA SAHOO                      Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF ODISHA    Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

IA No. 49322/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 49324/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 20-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN  
          HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ATUL S. CHANDURKAR

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Sunil Kumar Verma, AOR  
                          Mr. Sadhu Jacob, Adv.  
                          Mr. Harpal Singh, Adv.  
                          Mr. Desham Sudhakar Reddy, Adv.  
                          Mr. Sarvan Kumar, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Delay condoned.

2. Mr. Sunil Kumar Verma, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been rendered worse off in her own appeal. While the Trial Court has imposed sentence of life sentence, the High Court, while hearing the appeal, invoked revisional jurisdiction, issued notice appointed an *amicus* and has

awarded sentence of twenty years. Mr. Verma submits that this could not have been done in the petitioner's appeal according to the judgment in *Sachin vs. State of Maharashtra* [(2025) 9 SCC 507]. Mr. Verma contends that ordinarily in the case of simpliciter imprisonment, the petitioner would have been entitled to the consideration under the Jail Rules for remission after the mandatory period of fourteen years.

3. Issue notice, returnable on 13.03.2026.

(VIJAY KUMAR)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(MANOJ KUMAR)  
BRANCH OFFICER