

ITEM NO.59

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-A

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). 2692/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 21-01-2026  
in CRLMC No. 72504/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at  
Patna]

SANTOSH KUMAR PANJIYARA @ SANTOSH PANJIYARA Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR &amp; ANR. Respondent(s)

IA No. 48518/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED  
JUDGMENT

IA No. 48517/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 23-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Prashant Kumar, AOR  
Ms. Alankrit Singh, Adv.  
Mr. Kumar Anjaneya Shanu, Adv.  
Mr. Arpit Singh, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Anshul Narayan, Addl. Standing Counsel, Adv.  
Mr. Anshuman Harsh, Adv.  
Mr. Indraaj, Adv.  
Mr. Prem Prakash, AORUPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

1. Our order dated 16-2-2026 reads thus:-

"1. On the request of learned counsel for the petitioner, list  
on 23-2-2026.

2. Till the next date of hearing, the directions passed by  
the High Court for payment of maintenance is kept in abeyance.

3. The learned counsel to seek instructions from his client  
about attempting a resolution to the entire dispute through  
mediation."

2. Today, when the matter was taken up for further hearing Mr. Prashant Kumar, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner - husband submitted that his client is ready and willing to go for mediation.

3. In such circumstances, referred to above, we direct the parties i.e. the petitioner and his wife i.e. Respondent No.2 to appear before the Supreme Court Mediation Centre on 20-3-2026 at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of full and final settlement.

4. Once the Mediation Report is placed before us, we shall proceed to hear this matter further.

6. The interim order earlier granted vide Order dated 16-2-2026 shall continue to operate.

7. List the matter immediately after Mediation Report is received.

(VISHAL ANAND)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)