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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).3499/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 04-11-2025 in BA No.13139/2025 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

MAHESH K. @ BATTAMPARA MAHESH

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA

RESPONDENT(S)

IA No. 49387/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, IA No. 49389/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 49388/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 20-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

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

1. The petitioner challenges the impugned judgment and order dated 04.11.2025 in Bail Application No.13139 of 2025, titled

*"Mahesh K. @ Battampara Mahesh Vs. State of Kerala"*, passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam.

2. We have heard learned senior counsel/counsel appearing for the respective parties.

3. Shri Dileep Poolakkot, learned counsel, appearing on behalf of the respondent-State, submits that out of all the cited witnesses, only ten witnesses now remain to be examined by the prosecution. The matter is listed before the Trial Court on 21.04.2026 for examination of some of the witnesses.

4. Further, he submits that the prosecution shall endeavour to produce all the witnesses on such dates as may be fixed by the Trial Court. In fact, the prosecution would request the Trial Court to expedite the trial and fix shorter dates.

5. Accepting such a statement, at this point of time, we are not inclined to interfere with the impugned judgment and order, save and except, direct that the parties shall not seek any unnecessary adjournment and the trial, in any event, be completed within a period of three (03) months from today.

6. Parties are at liberty to renew the request, should the needs so arise.

7. Accordingly, the present Special Leave Petition is disposed of.

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

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