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Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.3486/2026
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06-01-2026
in OPCRL No. 285/2023 passed by the High Court of Kerala at
Ernakulam]

HUMBLE JOSEPH & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

ESTHER JACOB & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION AND IA No. 61508/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 10-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIHFor Petitioner(s) :Mr. Lakshmeesh S. Kamath, AOR
Ms. Samriti Ahuja, Adv.
Ms. Aditi Prakash, Adv.
Ms. Eka Kumari Singh, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. The Petitioners challenge the judgment and order dated 06.01.2026 in OPCRL No. 285/2023 titled "*Esther Jacob vs. Humble Joseph & Ors.*" passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam.
2. Issue notice on the special leave petition as also for exploring the possibility of settlement, returnable on 24.04.2026.
3. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted. Let steps for service be taken within one week.
4. In the notice itself, let it be mentioned that respondents are required to file their counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.

5. In the meanwhile, the operation of the impugned judgment dated 06.01.2026 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam in O.P. (Crl.)No.285 of 2023, shall remain stayed.

(RAJNI MUKHI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)