

ITEM NO.37

COURT NO.8

SECTION X

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

WRIT PETITION(CRIMINAL)..... Diary No. 9735/2026

GOPAL RATHI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 98070/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REILING / CURING THE DEFECTS; IA No. 98071/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.; IA No. 98072/2026 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON)

Date : 04-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA

Amicus Curiae

Mr. Gaurav Aggarwal, Sr. Adv.  
Ms. Kaaruna Lakshmi, Adv.  
Mr. George Thomas, AOR

For Petitioner(s) Petitioner-in-person (N.P.)

For Respondent(s)

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

1. Petitioner does not appear in Court, although we have called the writ petition twice.
2. We have read the report prepared by the Registrar (J.)(Judicial Administration-I) dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2026. It is reflected therefrom that although the petitioner had initially proposed to argue the writ petition himself, he made a prayer before the Registrar for being provided the services of an *amicus curiae* for proper disposal of the writ petition.

3. Mr. Gaurav Aggarwal, learned senior advocate, is present in Court. We have requested him to argue the writ petition on behalf of the petitioner.

4. Ms. Kaarunya Lakshmi, learned counsel will assist Mr. Gaurav Aggarwal.

5. Registry is directed to furnish a copy of the writ petition to Ms. Kaarunya Lakshmi within a week from date. Petitioner may also be informed of this order.

6. Re-list the writ petition after two weeks.

**(SNEHA DAS)**  
**SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT**

**(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)**  
**COURT MASTER (NSH)**