

ITEM NO.39

COURT NO.13

SECTION II-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) DIARY NO. 11563/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06-09-2023 in WPCR No. 457/2021 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND & ORS.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

PANKAJ KUMAR SINGH & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

IA No. 87087/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 87084/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT
IA No. 87085/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 215770/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 154411/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 215777/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

WITH

DIARY NO. 43689/2025 (II-A)

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND & ORS.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

PANKAJ KUMAR SINGH & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

IA No. 232592/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 232589/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT
IA No. 232586/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

DIARY NO. 43704/2025 (II-A)

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND & ORS.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

PANKAJ KUMAR SINGH & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

IA No. 236130/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 236127/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 236129/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

DIARY NO. 43681/2025 (II-A)

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND & ORS.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

PANKAJ KUMAR SINGH & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

IA No. 238939/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 238936/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 238937/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

DIARY NO. 43696/2025 (II-A)

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND & ORS.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

PANKAJ KUMAR SINGH & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

IA No. 238486/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 238483/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 238484/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

DIARY NO. 43699/2025 (II-A)

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND & ORS.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

PANKAJ KUMAR SINGH & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

IA No. 249302/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 249300/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED

JUDGMENT

IA No. 249301/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

DIARY NO. 3025/2026 (II-A)

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND & ORS.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

PANKAJ KUMAR SINGH & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

IA No. 61433/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 60715/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING / CURING THE DEFECTS

IA No. 61427/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 61431/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 21-05-2026 These matters were called for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

For Petitioner(s) :Ms. Adya Shree Dutta, Adv.
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Ms. Dorjee Ongmu Lachungpa, Adv.
Mr. Priyanshu Teotia, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Navaniti Prasad Singh, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Vaibhav Niti, AoR
Ms. Madhavi Agrawal, Adv.
Mr. Madhur Mahajan, Adv.
Mr. Divyanshu Agrawal, Adv.

O R D E R

Heard Ms. Adya Shree Dutta, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. Navaniti Prasad Singh, learned Senior Counsel for the respondents.

2. There is an inordinate delay in filing of these

petitions by the petitioners without any sufficient or satisfactory cause being shown.

3. We have considered the matters in depth. The issue relates to the allegation that the respondents have cut the trees illegally. The specific allegation is that the respondents were given permission to cut certain number of trees from their own land, but they had also cut the trees, which were in the protected forest area.

4. After going through the material on record, especially the statement made in the rejoinder affidavit filed by the petitioners indicating that the trees which were stated to have been cut by the respondents, were actually not taken away by them, but found at the spot, for which the Government has held the officers of the concerned department responsible and cases have been instituted against them, the Court finds that no interference is required in the common impugned order.

5. Accordingly, the Special Leave Petitions stand dismissed both on the ground of delay as well as on merits.

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

(POOJA SHARMA)
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(ANJALI PANWAR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR