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SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s). 11575/2026
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 18-10-2024
in CRLA No. 375/2019 passed by the High Court of Judicature at
Madras]

BALU @ BALAMURUGAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE REPRESENTED BY THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE Respondent(s)

(IA No. 100454/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, IA No.
100458/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING/ CURING THE DEFECTS
IA No. 100451/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. AND IA No.
100452/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM SURRENDERING WITHIN TIME)

Date : 17-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. B. Karunakaran, AOR
Mr. Senthil, Adv.
Ms. Pooja Lakshmi, Adv.
Mrs. K V Subha, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, AOR

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

1. The petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 18.10.2024 in CRLA No. 375/2019 titled "*Balu @ Balamurugan vs. State represented by the Inspector of Police*" passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras.
2. Delay condoned.
3. The special leave petition is dismissed on merits insofar as conviction is concerned.
4. Issue notice confined to reduction of period of sentence, returnable on 25.05.2026.

5. Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, learned Advocate-on-Record accepts notice on behalf of the State of Tamil Nadu. Hence, service of formal notice is waived.
6. Learned counsel for the petitioner to serve a copy of the present petition to the learned counsel for the respondent-State within a period of one week.
7. Let counter affidavit be filed within three weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within two weeks thereafter.
8. Exemption from surrendering shall continue until further orders.

(RAJNI MUKHI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)