

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

Item No.9:

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 4729/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 23-01-2026 in CRLP(MD) No. 11505/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras at Madurai]

RAJADURAI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 81518/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 81517/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

With

Item No.58:

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s). 15226/2026

[TO BE TAKEN UP ALONG WITH ITEM NO.9 I.E. SLP(Crl) No. 4729/2026]

IA No. 85324/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 85322/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 23-03-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTI

For Petitioner(s) :

in SLP(Crl.) No. Ms. Mahimai Antony Jeyam, Adv.  
4729/2026 Mr. P Elangovan, Adv.

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In Diary No.15226/2026

Ms. Divya Mishra, Adv.

Mr. C.R.Jaya Sukin, Adv.

Ms. Yashika Anand, Adv.

Ms. Priya Rani, Adv.

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Mr. Narender Kumar Verma, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, AOR  
Mr. Veshal Tyagi, Adv.  
Mr. Vishnu Unnikrishnan, Adv.

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

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner in SLP (Criminal) No.4729 of 2026 submits that the contraband involved in the present petition, as alleged by the prosecution, is 8 kg. of ganja, which will fall under intermediate quantity. Learned counsel further submitted that the petitioner has undergone 1 year and 2 months imprisonment.
2. However, in opposition Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that there are two criminal antecedents against the petitioner.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner in Diary No.15226 of 2026 submits that the contraband involved in the present petition is approximately 5 kg. and falls under intermediate category.
4. However Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that there are two criminal antecedents including one under Section 302 IPC.
5. Delay condoned.
6. Issue notice.

7. Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of the State in Diary No.15226 of 2026.

8. Let counter affidavit setting out antecedents in both the petitions be placed on record apart from other contentions of the State.

9. List the petitions on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

(ANITA MALHOTRA)  
AR-CUM-PS

(MANOJ KUMAR)  
COURT MASTER