



ITEM NO.1 COURT NO.3 SECTION II-D

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

**Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No. 5040/2026**

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 12-02-2026 in BA No. 644/2026 passed by the
High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

NITHIN CHANDRAN @ NITHIN Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA Respondent(s)

**(FOR ADMISSION)
(IA No. 86551/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)**

**Date : 18-05-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.**

CORAM :

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.K. MAHESHWARI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ATUL S. CHANDURKAR**

For Petitioner(s) :

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

1) The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with FIR No. 2/2026 dated 02.01.2026 registered at Police Station Kanakakkunnu, Alappuzha District, for the offences punishable under Sections 126(2), 115(2), 118(1) and 118(2) read with Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2) While issuing notice on 10.04.2026, by way of interim relief, direction for not taking coercive steps subject to cooperation in the investigation, was issued.

3) After hearing learned counsel and considering that the petitioner has joined and is cooperating in the investigation, in the facts of this case, without expressing any opinion on the merits, we deem it appropriate to confirm the order of interim protection and deem it appropriate to release the petitioner on anticipatory bail.

4) In view of the above, we direct that in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail on furnishing suitable bail bonds and sureties and on such other terms and conditions as may be deemed fit by the Station House Officer of the concerned police station.

5) We further direct that the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when

required and co-operate in the same abiding all the conditions as specified under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

6) It is made clear here that violation, if any, by the petitioner, may give a cause to take recourse as permissible and the trial Court is at liberty to do the needful.

7) Accordingly, and in view of the foregoing, this special leave petition stands disposed of. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(NIDHI AHUJA)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(NAND KISHOR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR