

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 SPetition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.4875/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 20-01-2026 in CRMBA No. 42956/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad]

SHEELA AHIRWAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH &amp; ANR.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION)

(IA No. 66677/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. & IA No. 66557/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 29-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

For Petitioner(s) :

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For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Our order dated 12th March, 2026 reads thus:-

- "1. Issue notice, returnable on 07.04.2026.
2. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted.

3. Mr. Arup Banerjee, the learned counsel waives service of notice for and on behalf of the State.

4. I.A. No.66554/2026, i.e., permission to file Special Leave Petition is granted.

5. We make it clear that the pendency of the present petition shall not come in the way of the Trial Court in proceeding further with the recording of the oral evidence.

6. We want the Trial Court to proceed with the trial expeditiously."

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner brought to our notice that on 4th April, 2026, the petitioner, widow of the deceased (original first informant) stepped into the box for the recording of her examination-in-chief.

3. After the examination-in-chief was over, the defence counsel prayed for time to cross-examine the petitioner. The petitioner is still in the box. Her cross-examination has not been over. We are further informed that yesterday also, she entered the box and the defence counsel put few questions and thereafter the trial has been adjourned.

4. We do not approve this practice of the trial court of recording the evidence in piecemeal. Once the witness enters the box, her oral evidence has to be completed.

5. The petitioner has been complaining of undue harassment and tampering with the evidence.

6. The trial court should have kept in mind while adjourning the trial that the Respondent No.2 is on bail.

7. The trial court shall see to it that the oral evidence of the witnesses proceed further uninterrupted.

8. We shall monitor the further progress of this trial after a period of four weeks.

9. List after four weeks.

(VISHAL ANAND)  
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POOJA SHARMA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)