

ITEM NO.58

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-A

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 S

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s).12248/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-12-2025 in CRA No. 306/2017 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay at Nagpur]

SOPAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

Respondent(s)

IA No. 128167/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REILING / CURING THE DEFECTS

IA No. 128166/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 128165/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 128164/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM SURRENDERING WITHIN TIME

Date : 12-05-2026 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) :

Mr. M. Y. Deshmukh, AOR
Ms. Manjeet Kirpal, Adv.
Mr. D. Aswathaman, Adv.
Mr. Atharva D. Kale, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Heard Mr. M.Y. Deshmukh, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.
2. The petitioner was put to trial in the Court of the Special Judge, Chandrapur in Special (ACB) Case No.1/2005 for the offence punishable under Section 7 of the Prevention of

Corruption Act, 1988 (for short, "the Act, 1988") along with Sections 13(1)(d) read with Section 13(2) of the Act, 1988.

3. At the relevant point of time, the petitioner was serving as a police inspector. The Trial Court held the petitioner guilty of the alleged offence.

4. The criminal appeal preferred by the petitioner in the High Court also failed.

5. There are concurrent findings recorded by two Courts as regards the guilt of the petitioner.

6. We take notice of the fact that the petitioner has been sentenced to undergo two years of rigorous imprisonment with fine.

7. We are not inclined to interfere with the impugned judgment of the High Court on merits.

8. We want to hear the State on the limited question whether we should reduce the sentence from two years of rigorous imprisonment to one year of rigorous imprisonment.

9. Issue notice for this limited purpose, returnable on 23.07.2026.

10. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted.

11. The order granting exemption from surrendering shall continue till the next date of hearing.

(HARPREET KAUR)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)