

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 (C) No(s). 12093/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 12-12-2025 in SA No. 499/2016 passed by the High Court of Chhatisgarh at Bilaspur]

RAJKUMAR SATNAMI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

PANNA LAL SATNAMI & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 98914/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 98922/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 15-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Dinesh Jotwani, Adv.
Mr. Adesh Nandal, Adv.
Ms. Palak Gupta, Adv.
Mr. Meahul Roy, Adv.
Ms. Sharanya Tripathi, Adv.
Mr. Adil Muneer Andrabi, Adv.
Mr. Dhawesh Pahuja, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Apoorv Shukla, Adv.

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

1. As per office report, service is complete on both respondents, but none has entered appearance on their behalf.
2. As such, in the interest of justice, we request and appoint Mr. Pranit Kulkarni, learned counsel (email id:advpranitkulkarni@gmail.com and Enrol.No.MAH/1340/2020), as *amicus curiae* (pro bono), to assist the Court on behalf of respondent No.1.

3. Mr. Apoorv Shukla, learned counsel accept notice on behalf of respondent No.2. Hence service of formal notice is waived on respondent No.2.

4. The Registry is directed to supply the complete paper book in digital form to the learned *amicus curiae* and to serve a copy of the petition on the learned counsel for the State within a period of one week.

5. Learned *amicus curiae* shall endeavour to get in touch with respondent No.1 directly, in writing, apprising him about the pendency of the present petition; the passing of this order; his right of engaging a counsel of choice; and his right of being represented, subject to eligibility, through a Legal Aid Counsel.

6. Learned *amicus curiae* shall also get in touch with the Chairperson of the concerned District Legal Services Authority, who shall have the above said respondent apprised of his rights to the aforesaid effect.

7. Learned *amicus curiae* shall file the compliance affidavit before the next date of listing.

8. We clarify that the learned *amicus curiae* shall continue to assist the Court, even if respondent No.1 is represented by a legally engaged counsel.

9. The Registry shall communicate this order to all concerned forthwith.

10. The Registry shall print the name of the learned *amicus curiae* in the cause list.

11 List on 03.08.2026.

(RAJNI MUKHI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)