

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

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s). 13221/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 02-08-2023 in CRLA No. 134/2013 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

SUNIL VERMA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

IA No. 85330/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 85327/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 25-03-2026 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. Sanchar Anand, Adv.  
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the instant petitioner/accused/convict, namely, Sunil Verma, was neither identified nor named by the victim/PW-2 (Annexure-P4 Page No.99-104) or another spot witness/PW-4 (Annexure - P Page No.106). It is only in the later part of the testimony and that too on the prompting of the prosecutor that, another witness i.e. PW-18 named

the petitioner. Also the veracity of his testimony itself is in doubt, as there is nothing on record to connect the instant petitioner with the crime in question. There is no evidence on record indicating that the weapon allegedly recovered from the petitioner, was ever used for firing gunshot in relation to the incident in question.

2. Delay condoned.

3. Leave granted.

4. Let original records be called for. A soft copy thereof, shall be supplied to learned counsel for the parties.

5. It shall be open for the petitioner to revive the request for suspension of sentence after some time.

(RASHI GUPTA)  
COURT MASTER (SH)

(ANU BHALLA)  
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