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Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 5471/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06-02-2026 in ABA No. 6936/2025 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

FATHER MANKUNWAR TOPPO ALAIS FATHER MANKUWAR TOPPO Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND REP BY INSPECTOR OF POLICE Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION AND IA No. 93786/2026 - 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. Sanjay Hegde, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Ankit Tiwari, Adv.
Mr. Ashish Kumar, Adv.
Mr. R. Sudhakaran, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Vishnu Sharma, AOR

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

1. The petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 06.02.2026 in ABA No.6936/2025 titled "*Father Mankunwar Toppo @ Father Mankuwar Toppo vs. State of Jharkhand*" passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi.
2. Issue notice, returnable on 27.04.2026
3. Mr. Vishnu Sharma, learned Advocate-on-Record accepts notice on behalf of the State of Jharkhand. Hence, the formal service of notice on the respondent-State is waived.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner to serve a copy of the present petition to the learned counsel for the respondent-State within a period of one week.

5. Let counter affidavit be filed within two weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within one week thereafter.

6. In the event of arrest in connection with Latehar Mahila P.S. Case No.08 of 2025, the petitioner shall be released on bail by the Investigating/Arresting Officer on such terms and conditions as imposed and found to be just, fair and reasonable.

7. The petitioner shall make himself available before the Investigating Officer on 01.04.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as he may be required.

8. Needless to add, the petitioner would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses, in any manner, till the completion of the trial.

(RAJNI MUKHI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)