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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).4146/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 12-02-2026 in MCRCA No.224/2026 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur]

LAVI PAHUJA & ORS.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

RESPONDENT(S)

IA No. 71470/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 71469/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 10-03-2026 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) :

Dr. Rajesh Pandey, Sr. Adv.

Mr. Jitendra Kumar, AOR

Ms. Ayushi Pandey, Adv.

Mr. Rishabh, Adv.

Mr. Ankur Mehta, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

Ms. Ankita Sharma, AOR

Mr. Arjun D. Singh, Adv.

Ms. Ishika Neogi, Adv.

Mr. Divya Tripathi, Adv.

Mr. J. Prasad, Adv.

Upon hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Petitioners challenge the judgment and order dated 12.02.2026 in MCRCA No.224/2026 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur, titled "*Lavi Pahuja & Ors. vs. The State of Chhattisgarh*".

2. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioners.

3. Issue notice, returnable on 17.04.2026.
4. Ms.Ankita Sharma, learned counsel, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent/State. Hence, the formal service of notice on the respondent is waived.
5. Learned counsel for the petitioners to serve an advance copy of the present petition to the learned counsel for the respondent within a period of one (01) week.
6. Let counter affidavit be filed within three (03) weeks. Rejoinder affidavit thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of listing.
7. We make it clear that no further opportunity will be granted for this purpose.
8. In the event of arrest in connection with Crime No.271 of 2025 of Pandariya Police Station, Kabirdham District, Chhattisgarh, the petitioners shall be released on bail on the appropriate terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.
9. The petitioners shall make themselves available before the Investigating Officer on 17.03.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as they may be required.
10. Needless to add, till the investigation is not complete in all respects, the petitioners would fully cooperate, and if the challan/charge sheet is filed, they would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses in any manner till the completion of the trial

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