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Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.4542/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 23-02-2026 in MCRC No.1839/2026 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur]

BASANT KUMAR KAUSHIK

Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent

FOR ADMISSION

I.A. No.78657/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 24-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Gopal Jha, AOR
Mr. Sawan Datta, Adv.
Ms. Priyanshi Goel, Adv.
Mr. Umesh Kumar Yadav, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Ravi Sharma, A.A.G.
Mr. Apoorv Shukla, AOR/Standing counsel
Ms. Prabhleen A. Shukla, Adv.

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

1. Issue notice, returnable on 27th April, 2026.
2. Mr. Apoorv Shukla, learned standing counsel accepts notice on behalf of the State of Chhattisgarh.
3. Service of formal notice on the State of Chhattisgarh stands dispensed with.

4. Respondent-State of Chattisgarh may file its counter affidavit within two weeks from date. Such affidavit ought to include, *inter alia*, the following particulars:

(i) chargesheet, if filed;

(ii) number of witnesses proposed to be examined by the prosecution;

(iii) whether charge has been framed or not;

(iv) if the charge has not been framed, the reason therefor;

(v) if the trial has commenced, the number of witnesses examined;

(vi) criminal antecedents of the petitioner;

(vii) whether any co-accused is enlarged on bail; and

(viii) any other information relevant for a decision on the special leave petition.

4. Rejoinder thereto, if any, may be filed within a week thereafter.

(MANIK KUMAR)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)