

ITEM NO.31

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-D

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).4483/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 04-03-2026 in BA No. 735/2026 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

MANU MATHEW

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 77957/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 18-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

For Petitioner(s) :

M/S. Nuli & Nuli, AOR
Mr. Anand Sanjay M Nuli, Sr. Adv.
Ms. Akhila Wali, Adv.
Mr. Shiva Swaroop, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Ragenth Basant, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Dileep Poolakkot, Adv.
Mr. Subhash Chandran K.R, AOR
Mr. Anirudh K P, Adv.
Ms. Hima Bhardwaj, Adv.

Mr. Santhosh K, Adv.
Ms. Nisha R. Shankar, AOR*

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

1. Issue notice, returnable on 22.04.2026.
2. Mr. Santhosh K, the learned AOR waives service of notice for and on behalf of the State and Mr. Subhash Chandran K.R.,

the learned counsel waives service of notice for and on behalf of the respondent no.2 (first informant).

3. We are of the view that the parties should sit, talk and try to bring around some settlement.

4. The marital life of the parties is of 1 ½ years. A child was born in the wedlock. The child, as on date is 5 months old.

5. There are allegations and counter allegations. This is going to be a long drawn battle.

6. In such circumstances, it will be in the interest of the parties to come to terms and put an end to all the disputes.

7. For the purpose of exploring the possibility of some amicable settlement, we direct the parties to appear before the Supreme Court Mediation Centre on 25.03.2026 at 11:00 A.M.. We request the Centre to appoint a senior Mediator.

8. Till the next returnable date, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner in connection with FIR in question.

9. We direct the husband to transfer an amount of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) to the account of his wife by way of RTGS at the earliest towards travelling expenses, etc.

(HARPREET KAUR)
COURT MASTER (SH)
(*not legible)

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)