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SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s). 14565/2026  
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 09-03-2026  
in CRLOP No. 4800/2026 passed by the High Court of Judicature at  
Madras]

P. SUGUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

PALANISAMY @ VINAYAGA PALANISAMY & ANR. Respondent(s)  
IA No. 78153/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED  
JUDGMENT  
IA No. 78157/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 78160/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

Date : 13-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA

For Petitioner(s) :

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For Respondent(s) : Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, AOR  
Mr. Vishnu Unnikrishnan, Adv.

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

Permission to file the special leave petition  
is granted.

After hearing the matter on several  
occasions, this Court, vide order dated 4<sup>th</sup> February,  
2026, dismissed the petition being Special Leave  
Petition(Criminal) No. 17641 of 2025, filed by the

present respondent no 1 seeking grant of bail, as withdrawn.

The said order reads as under :

*“Learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions, states that present petition may be dismissed as withdrawn.*

*In view of the submissions made, present Special Leave Petition stands dismissed as withdrawn.”*

However, by the impugned order dated 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2026, the High Court has granted bail to the respondent primarily on the ground of incarceration, which is less than one year in a case involving the offence of murder.

Issue notice, returnable on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent no. 2-State of Tamil Nadu, who is present on advance notice, is granted two weeks' time to file counter affidavit, if any.

As such, notice be issued to respondent no. 1 only.

In the meantime, the effect and operation of the impugned order passed by the High Court shall remain stayed.

(SONIA BHASIN)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR-CUM-PS

(RANJANA SHAILY)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR