

ITEM NO.9

COURT NO.9

SECTION II-E

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). 5708/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 16-12-2025 in IA No. 10673/2025 IN CRA No.14089 of 2024 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

KETHTU SAHU

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

RESPONDENT(S)

(IA No. 97712/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 97711/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 20-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ MITHAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTI

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Varun Thakur, Adv.
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UPON hearing the counsel the court made the following
O R D E R

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. The petitioner who has been convicted under

Sections 304 and 308 IPC and Section 135 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and has been awarded sentence of 10 years of rigorous imprisonment, has been denied suspension of sentence pending the criminal appeal.

3. In the facts and circumstances of the case, coupled with the fact that the petitioner has not even completed two years of sentence, we do not deem it necessary to interfere with the order impugned in exercise of our discretionary jurisdiction under Article 136 of the Constitution of India.

4. At this stage, when we are not inclined to interfere with the order impugned, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that he may be permitted to withdraw the Special Leave Petition.

5. In view of the statement so made, the Special Leave Petition is dismissed as withdrawn.

(Nidhi Mathur)
Court Master (NSH)

(Geeta Ahuja)
Deputy Registrar