

ITEM NO.8

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-B

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 SSPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No.15835/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-08-2025 in CRM-M No. 50506/2024 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

MANPREET SINGH @ BABBU

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 89087/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING SLP, IA No. 89084/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT AND IA No. 89086/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 01-04-2026 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) :

Mr. Siddhant Saroha, Adv.  
Ms. Disha Singh, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Chetan Manchanda, Adv.  
Mr. Karan Sharma, Adv.

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

1. Delay condoned.
2. Exemption Applications are allowed
3. Heard Mr. Siddhant Saroha, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr. Chetan Manchanda, the learned counsel appearing for the State of Punjab.
- 4 The trial is in progress. It appears that so far 14 witnesses have been examined. The petitioner is facing charge of murder.
- 5 It appears that the petitioner remained absconding for a period of almost 4 years.

6. In view of the aforesaid, we are not inclined to exercise our discretion in favour of the petitioner.

7. It may be true that the petitioner is in judicial custody past 4 years, however, since the trial is in progress, the trial proceed expeditiously. The Trial Court shall see to it that the trial is concluded with judgment within a period of six months from today.

8. With the aforesaid, this petition stands disposed of.

(VISHAL ANAND)  
DY. REGISTRAR

(POOJA SHARMA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)