

ITEM NO.17

COURT NO.9

SECTION II-C

**S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A**  
**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 5499/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 02-03-2026 in CRMPM No. 1562/2025 passed by the High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla]

VINOD KUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 94448/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT; IA No. 94446/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.; IA No. 94449/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 06-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ MITHAL  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Rohit Amit Sthalekar, AOR  
Mr. Siddhant Singh, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Vivek Kumar, Adv.  
Mr. Abhishek Gautam, AOR  
Mr. Dhaneshri S. Mandhale, Adv.  
Mr. Raman Singh Kashyap, Adv.

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

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.
2. One of the submission is that the grounds of arrest were never served upon the petitioner.
3. Issue notice.
4. Mr. Abhishek Gautam, learned Standing Counsel appears for respondent-State on advance notice and accepts notice. Hence, formal service of

notice is dispensed with. He may seek instructions and if necessary, file counter affidavit within three weeks.

5. In the meantime, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner provided he joins the investigation and cooperates with the Investigating Officer.

(SNEHA DAS)  
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(NIDHI MATHUR)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)