

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 for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.7005/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06-10-2025 in IA No.2659/2025 in Criminal Appeal No.237/2019 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay]

ABHIJIT KASHINATH SHINDE

Petitioner

VERSUS

CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION & ANR.

Respondents

I.A. No.107734/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

WITH

SLP (Crl) No.8460/2026 (II-A)

I.A. No.118728/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 15-05-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMAFor Petitioner(s) : Mr. Sandeep Sudhakar Deshmukh, AOR
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. We are not inclined to interfere with the impugned judgment(s) and order(s) of the High Court rejecting the prayers for suspension of sentence; hence, the special leave petitions are dismissed.
2. However, it is found that the petitioner(s) have been behind bars in excess of fourteen years and their criminal appeals are pending for nearly seven years. In view thereof and also in the light of the principle laid down by this Court in **Kashmira Singh v. State of Punjab**¹, the High Court ought to decide the appeals at an early date by assigning some priority.
3. We observe that the petitioner(s) shall be at liberty to actively pursue their appeal(s) before the High Court. Should the High Court, despite such active persuasion, be disabled to hear and decide the appeal(s) finally by the end of September, 2026 and no fault therefor can be attributed to the petitioners, they shall be at liberty to renew their prayer for suspension of sentence before the High Court.
4. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

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(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

¹ (1977) 4 SCC 291