

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGSSPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No. 16848/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-04-2015 in CRA No. 778/2011 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur]

BECHAN RAM BARGAH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 108414/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING AND IA No. 108413/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 17-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

For Petitioner(s) :

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For Respondent(s) :

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

Delay condoned.

However, we find no good ground and reason to interfere with the impugned judgment/order passed by the High Court.

The special leave petition is, accordingly, dismissed.

Dismissal of this special leave petition shall, however, not preclude the petitioner from seeking the relief of premature release/remission, as he has spent more than 16 years in custody. In the event the petitioner is eligible for grant of such relief under the policy framed by the State of Chhattisgarh, his case

shall be considered, keeping in mind the law laid down by this Court in paragraph numbers 20 and 21 of *In Re : Policy Strategy for Grant of Bail*¹.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(DEEPAK GUGLANI)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(PREETI SAXENA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

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