

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 SWrit Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 549/2018

JAWAHARLAL SHARMA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 46066/2019 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No.
6719/2019 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

WITH

W.P. (C) No. 483/2025 (PIL-W)

(IA No. 119439/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 22-01-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLIFor Petitioner(s) : Mr. Prashant Bhushan, AOR
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

IA No.4605 of 2026 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.483/2025

1. Without prejudice to the various issues, including regarding maintainability of the writ petition, but keeping in view the preliminary objection raised by the respondents in the counter affidavit(s) as to why the Union of India has not been impleaded as a party respondent, the instant application is allowed for the limited purpose of meeting with that preliminary objection. The Union of India is, accordingly, impleaded as a respondent no.4.
2. Issue notice to the newly impleaded respondent. Mr. Visakamurthy, learned AOR accepts notice on behalf of the Union of India.
3. Counter affidavit, if any, be filed within four weeks.
4. Rejoinder affidavit, if any, be filed within two week thereafter.
5. List on 11.03.2026.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR