

ITEM NO.4

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-D

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(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).5383/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 11-03-2026 in BA No. 1238/2026 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

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Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF KERALA

Respondent(s)

Date : 06-05-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Kumar Vaibhav, Adv.  
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Mr. Muhammed Siddick, Adv.

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

1. The petitioner has been denied anticipatory bail by the High Court in connection with the First Information Report bearing no.0863/2025 registered with Upputhara Police Station, District Idukki for the offence punishable under Section 303(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short, "the

BNS, 2023"), Sections 5 and 27(1) of the Arms Act, respectively and Sections 11(1)(a) and 11(1)(I) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (for short, "the Act, 1960").

2. We heard Mr. Kumar Vaibhav, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr. Harshad V. Hameed, the learned counsel appearing for the State.

3. Our order dated 02.04.2026 reads thus:-

*"1. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.*

*2. Exemption Applications are allowed.*

*3. Issue notice, returnable in two weeks*

*4. Mr. Harshad V. Hameed, the learned Advocate-on-Record waives service of notice for and on behalf of the State of Kerala.*

*5. The petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer for the purpose of interrogation. However, no coercive steps shall be taken by the Investigating Officer against the petitioner.*

*6. Leave to amend is hereby granted."*

4. The aforesaid order is made absolute.

5. The Special Leave Petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

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

(HARPREET KAUR)  
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COURT MASTER (NSH)