

ITEM NO.31

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-C

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 SPetition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.7155/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 01-01-2026 in CRR No. 543/2025 passed by the High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla]

RAJEEV KUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

ARPANA DEVI

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 112668/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT & IA No. 112669/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 24-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Suresh Kumar, Adv.
Mr. Gopal Sharan Pathak, AOR
Mr. Mani Shankar Jha, Adv.
Mr. Om Naryanan Pandey, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Exemption Applications are allowed.
2. The petitioner was held guilty by the Trial Court for the offence punishable under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.
3. The appeal before the Sessions Court came to be dismissed.
4. The Revision Application preferred by the petitioner in the High Court also came to be rejected.
5. In such circumstances, the petitioner is here before us with the present petition.
6. We direct the petitioner to deposit an amount of Rs.1,20,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Thousand only) with the Registry of this

Court within a period of one week from today.

7. If the amount is deposited, Registry shall issue notice to the respondent returnable on 14-5-2026 and invest the amount in an interest-earning Fixed Deposit Receipt initially for a period of six months in any Nationalized Bank which fetches maximum rate of interest with auto-renewal basis.

8. In the meantime, the substantive order of sentence passed by the Trial Court shall remain suspended.

(VISHAL ANAND)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)