

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s). 18248/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 29-01-2026 in CRMP No. 177/2026 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

KRISHNA GOPAL AGARWAL

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF JHARKHAND & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 97369/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 97368/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. AND IA No. 97366/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

Date : 07-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Ishkaran Singh Bhandari, Adv.
Mr. Shadab Anwar, Adv.
Mr. Zartab Anwar, Adv.
Mr. Piyush Yadav, Adv.
Mr. Ali Ibrahim, Adv.
Mr. Manohar Kumar Mishra, Adv.
Mr. Ashish Choudhury, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Vishnu Sharma, AOR

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

1. The petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 29.01.2026 in CRMP No.177/2026 titled "*Manoj Choudhary @ Manoj Choudhury & Anr. vs. State of Jharkhand*" passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi.
2. Permission to file SLP is granted.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the instant petitioner was deliberately not impleaded as a party

respondent, by the private respondent herein in the proceedings initiated before the High Court, which culminated in the quashing of the complaint filed by the instant petitioner. Further, no response was either sought or placed on record by the State. In fact, on the very first date of hearing, the Court proceeded to quash the FIR primarily on the ground of delay and the dispute being civil in nature.

4. Issue notice, returnable on 11.05.2026.

5. Mr. Vishnu Sharma, Advocate-on-Record accepts notice on behalf of the State of Jharkhand. Hence, the formal service of notice on the respondent-State is waived. Let notice be issued to remaining respondents. Let counter affidavit be filed within two weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within one week thereafter.

6. Dasti service, in addition to the unserved respondents, is permitted. Let steps for service be taken within one week.

7. In the notice itself, let it be mentioned that respondents are required to file their counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.

(RAJNI MUKHI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)