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R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G SSPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s). 18433/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 12-08-2025 in WPA No. 1686/2025 passed by the High Court of Calcutta Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri]

AKALU PASWAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF WEST BENGAL

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 121875/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, IA No. 121862/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 121857/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 28-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTI  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAY BISHNOI

For Petitioner(s): Mr. Manu, Adv.  
Mr. Anil Kumar, AOR  
Mr. Pradeep Kumar Mittal, Adv.  
Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Adv.  
Mr. Amit Kumar Verma, Adv.  
Dr. Sandeep Singh, Adv.  
Mr. Suraj Shah, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Delay condoned.
2. We have heard Mr. Manu, learned counsel for the petitioner. He invites our attention to Page-51 of the Special Leave Petition Paper-book, which reads as under:

*"But the nature of crime done by the life convict and potentiality of committing further crime of similar nature in view*

*of his age cannot be ruled out. Under the circumstances premature release of life convict Akalu Paswan is not recommended by the Board at this stage."*

3. He contends that the view taken by the Review Board and the findings recorded by the High Court may be limited for the said consideration and having regard to the passage of time, liberty may be granted to the petitioner to renew the request before the Board.

4. The statement is placed on record.

5. The Special Leave Petition stands dismissed.

6. However, having regard to what has been observed by the Review Board, liberty is granted to the petitioner to move the Review Board at the appropriate stage.

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

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