

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 13645/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 09-02-2026 in OPKAT No. 31/2026 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

STATE OF KERALA & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

B. UNNIKRISHNAN

Respondent(s)

IA No. 116315/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 04-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Jayanth Muth Raj, Sr. Adv.
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For Respondent(s) :Mr. Nikhil Goel, Sr. Adv.
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Mr. Yaduinder Lal, Adv.
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

Issue notice, returnable within six weeks.

Learned counsel appears and accepts notice on
behalf of the sole respondent. Hence, no further
notice need to be sent to the respondent.

Learned senior counsel appearing for respondent prays for and is granted four weeks' time to file counter affidavit. Rejoinder affidavit thereto be filed within two weeks' thereafter.

In the meantime, the petitioner will comply with the directions issued by the Tribunal as confirmed by the High Court, which shall however subject to the final outcome of this petition.

(SONIA BHASIN)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR-CUM-PS

(RANJANA SHAILEY)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR