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SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s). 18877/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 04-11-2025 in CRADB No. 770/2025 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

PANKAJ KUMAR SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA

Respondent(s)

IA No. 115805/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 115801/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 115803/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 22-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAY BISHNOIFor Petitioner(s) : Mr. Balaji Srinivasan, AOR
Ms. Aakriti Priya, Adv.For Respondent(s) : Mr. K.M. Nataraj, A.S.G.
Mr. Sharath Nambiar, Adv.
Mr. Yogya Rajpurohit, Adv.
Ms. Ritika Ranjan, Adv.UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Delay condoned.

We are not inclined to entertain the present petition seeking bail. The Special Leave Petition is, accordingly, dismissed.

However, considering the period of incarceration of about five years undergone by the petitioner and the fact that 26 out of total 152

witnesses have been examined so far, we direct the Trial Court to conclude the trial within a period of two years from today.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-NIA states that there is a likelihood of pruning of the list of witnesses mentioned in the charge-sheet.

It goes without saying that Prosecution as well as the defence will extend full cooperation for expeditious completion of the trial.

We also make it clear that in the event the trial is not concluded within the aforesaid period for no fault attributable to the petitioner, it will be open for the petitioner to revive his prayer for bail.

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

(SHIPRA NARANG)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(RANJANA SHAILEY)
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