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SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No. 19887/2026  
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 14-02-2024  
in CRA No. 872/2017 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at  
Bilaspur]

BALESH KUMAR KURAITI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 103903/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No.  
103906/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 13-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.K. MAHESHWARI  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ATUL S. CHANDURKAR

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Ranbir Singh Yadav, AOR  
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For Respondent(s) : Ms. Ankita Sharma, Adv.  
Mr. Arjun D. Singh, Adv.  
Ms. Ishina Neogi, Adv.

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

- 1) Application for exemption from filing official translation is allowed.
- 2) Delay condoned.
- 3) Since the incident in the present case is of 17.02.2016 and the amendment to the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act was brought on 16.08.2019; however, only on the point of sentence as awarded, we issue notice.
- 4) Ms. Ankita Sharma, Advocate on Record, on directions of this Court, appears and accepts notice for the respondent-State, who may file counter affidavit within four weeks.
- 5) List after four weeks.

(NIDHI AHUJA)  
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(NAND KISHOR)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR