

ITEM NO.301

COURT NO.2

SECTION II-E

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 (Crl.) No(s).6686-6687/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06-02-2026 in CRLA No. 2246/2024 06-02-2026 in CRC No. 2/2024 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru]

JAYBAN ADIVASI @ JAY SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KARNATAKA ETC.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 112180/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

WITH

SLP(Crl) No. 6792-6793/2026 (II-E)

IA No. 115315/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 17-04-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

For Petitioner(s) :Ms. Srishti Agnihotri, AOR
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Ms. Sakshi Kalsi, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Leave granted.
2. These proceedings arise from the judgment and order dated 06.02.2026 of the High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru Bench in Criminal Referred Case No.2 of 2024 C/W Criminal Appeal No.2216 of 2024.
3. The execution of the death sentence of the appellant(s) shall remain stayed pending the hearing and final disposal of the present appeal(s).
4. The original record of the case be summoned from the Trial Court and the High Court. A copy of the translated record shall be supplied to the counsel for the parties.
5. In view of the orders passed by this Court in matters involving capital punishment, we issue the following directions:
 - a. The respondent-State shall place before this Court the report(s) of all the Probation Officers relating to the appellant(s) within a period of sixteen (16) weeks.
 - b. The Superintendent of Jail, Shivamogga Central Jail, Shivamogga, Karnataka, shall submit a report with regard to the nature of work which have been performed by the appellant(s)

while in jail and a report with regard to the conduct and behaviour of the appellant(s) while in jail within a period of sixteen (16) weeks.

c. The Head of the Shivamogga Institute of Medical Sciences, Shivamogga, Karnataka, shall constitute a suitable team for the purpose of carrying out a psychological evaluation of the appellant(s). The report of the evaluation shall be submitted to this Court through the Standing Counsel for the State of Karnataka within a period of sixteen (16) weeks.

d. Ms. Komal and Ms. Simran Narula, who are associated with the Square Circle Clinic, NALSAR University of Law, are permitted to have access to the appellant(s) in appeal(s) arising from SLP(Crl) Nos.6686-6687/2026 and SLP(Crl) Nos.6792-6793/2026 respectively, who are presently lodged in Shivamogga Central Jail, Shivamogga, Karnataka, to conduct multiple in-person interviews for the purpose of collecting information relevant to sentencing and to submit a Mitigation Investigation Report on behalf of the

appellant(s) through the appellants' Advocate-on-Record within twenty (20) weeks.

- e. The Superintendent, Shivamogga Central Jail, Shivamogga, Karnataka, shall ensure that, for the sake of confidentiality, these interviews shall be conducted in a separate interviewing space without any prison official or police staff being within earshot distance, and audio recorders be permitted to be used to record the interviews.
- f. The person(s) nominated by Ms. Komal and Ms. Simran Narula are permitted to accompany them to translate during the interview.
- g. Ms. Komal and Ms. Simran Narula are granted permission to obtain documents pertaining to the appellant(s), including but not limited to medical records, jail conduct, certificates of any educational, vocational or employment opportunities undertaken, etc. that the appellant(s) may wish to submit for the purpose of sentencing information.

6. The Registry is directed to transmit a copy of this order to the Standing Counsel for the State of Karnataka, who shall, in turn, ensure that the order is communicated to the relevant authorities for

compliance. The Registry shall, in addition, send a due intimation to all the concerned authorities immediately for compliance.

7. All the reports shall be duly compiled and placed before this Court on the next date of hearing.

8. Learned counsel for the parties to assist the Registry in pagination of the record.

9. Tag with Special Leave Petition (CrI.) Nos.6442-6443 of 2026.

(NEETU KHAJURIA)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR-CUM-PS

(RANJANA SHAILEY)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR