

ITEM NO.44+62+63

COURT NO.8

SECTION XV

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

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No. 15226/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 04-04-2026 in DBSAW No. 1076/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jaipur]

PAYAL SHARMA &amp; ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF RAJASTHAN &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 127945/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT; IA No. 127943/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

WITH

SLP(C) No. 15453/2026 (XV)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No. 130880/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.; IA No. 130879/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES; IA No. 130881/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES)

SLP(C) No. 15004/2026 (XV)

(IA No. 127346/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT; IA No. 127348/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.; IA No. 127347/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

WITH

SLP(C) No. 15592/2026

(IA No. 132288/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.; IA No. 132287/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES; IA No. 132290/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES)

WITH

SLP(C) Diary No. 25381/2026

(IA No. 135443/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT; IA No. 135445/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.; IA No. 135444/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES; IA No. 135441/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE APPEAL)

Date : 04-05-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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

1. Permission to file special leave petitions is granted, wherever sought.

2. Integrity of a selection process, which is central to appointment in public service, is non-negotiable. Where the integrity of the process stands compromised, it matters little that the petitioners might not have been the beneficiaries of leak of question papers. Invalidation of the entire process by the High Court, in such circumstances, appears to be justified.

3. We see no reason to interfere with the impugned common judgment and order of the High Court; hence, all the special leave petitions are dismissed.

4. It is, however, clarified that those petitioners who resigned from services either under the Central Government or Public Sector Undertakings to accept appointments in furtherance of the selection process, since invalidated by the High Court, shall be at liberty to approach the High Court with an application for review seeking similar relief that might have been granted to those petitioners who resigned from services under the State to join the posts.

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

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**COURT MASTER (NSH)**