

ITEM NO.30

COURT NO.7

SECTION XIV

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

Miscellaneous Application No. 1448/2026 in MA 2238/2025 in
SLP(C) No. 18225/2024

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated
11-03-2026 in MA No. 2238/2025 passed by the Supreme Court of
India]

HARISH RANA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA

Respondent(s)

Date : 13-05-2026 This petition was called on for hearing
today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
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**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R**

1. In due deference to our judgment and order dated 11.03.2026 passed in M.A. No. 2238 of 2025 in Special Leave Petition (C) No. 18225 of 2024, Harish was shifted from his residence to the Palliative Care Unit in AIIMS.
2. Harish was admitted to the Palliative Care Unit on 14.03.2026. On 24.03.2026 at around 16.00 hours, Harish breathed his last.
3. The report forwarded by AIIMS dated 17.4.2026 is ordered to be taken on record.
4. Harish left this mortal world on his own terms, surrounded by love and compassion. Even in the face of their own loss, his family chose generosity through the selfless decision to donate his corneas and heart valves. This way, his life continues in others. His legacy will live on through the lives of those he saved.

5. In Harish's final moments, he experienced care, comfort and respect.

6. His peaceful departure from the clasp of tubes and machines reflects dignity in both life and death. It also serves as a reminder that medicine has its limits, and that prolonging life in ways a person would not choose for themselves is not always true care. Allowing someone to pass on their own terms and alleviating their suffering affirms their dignity in its truest sense.

7. This litigation and Harish's story have taught many things to one and all, including the two of us, as judges.

8. This is the time to express our gratitude to the Director of AIIMS, to the entire team of doctors and the nursing staff who attended to Harish in his final moments. The entire team saw to it that in the Palliative Care Unit, he undergoes minimal suffering and passes away peacefully.

9. He remained in palliative care for a period of almost 10 days.

10. We express our gratitude to Ms. Rashmi Nandkumar, the learned counsel who assisted us very ably in a very sensitive matter involving very sensitive issues. We also express our

deepest gratitude towards Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, the learned ASG, who extended full cooperation in all respects from day one. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to the entire team of Ms. Bhati, the learned ASG and also the entire team who assisted Ms. Rashmi Nandkumar, the learned counsel.

11. We are also grateful to all our law clerks, who worked relentlessly on the subject being very sensitive in nature.

12. We take the death certificate of Harish dated 07.04.2026 on record. The same shall be kept with the record of this case for a minimum period of three years.

13. The copy of the report forwarded by AIIMS referred to above shall be kept in a sealed cover.

14. All that is now required to be looked into is the compliance with our further directions contained in the judgment.

15. As regards the aforesaid, Ms. Bhati, the learned ASG shall file an appropriate report on or before 22.07.2026.

16. List the matter on 22.07.2026.

(CHANDRESH)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)