



ITEM NOS.1 + 47 + 50 + 52 COURT NO.3 SECTION II-C

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 (Cr1.) No. 15941/2024

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 04-11-2024
in MCRC No. 5695/2024 passed by the High Court of
Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur]

RANU SAHU Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.264203/2024-EXEMPTION FROM FILING
O.T. and IA No.264202/2024-PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No. 294967/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 264203/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 264202/2024 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ ANNEXURES)

WITH

SLP(Cr1) No. 16406/2024 (II-C)

(IA FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
ON IA 271486/2024

FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. ON IA 271488/2024

FOR PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
ON IA 301956/2024

FOR PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
ON IA 20448/2025

IA No. 271486/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 271488/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 20448/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ ANNEXURES

IA No. 301956/2024 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ ANNEXURES)

SLP(Cr1) No. 18075/2024 (II-C)

(FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. ON IA 296652/2024

IA No. 296652/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

SLP(Cr1) No. 145/2025 (II-C)

(IA No. 2460/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE

IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 2464/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

SLP(Cr1) No. 172/2025 (II-C)

(FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 3007/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

SLP(Cr1) No. 167/2025 (II-C)

(IA No. 2937/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 2939/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

SLP(Cr1) No. 66/2025 (II-C)

(IA No. 1122/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 1124/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

SLP(Cr1) No. 944/2025 (II-C)

(IA No. 16866/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 16865/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 16868/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ ANNEXURES)

SLP(Cr1) No. 1080/2025 (II-C)

(IA No. 19133/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

SLP(Cr1) No. 1114/2025 (II-C)

(IA No. 20183/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 20181/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ ANNEXURES)

SLP(Cr1) No. 1657/2025 (II-C)

SLP(Cr1) No. 1680/2025 (II-C)

SLP(Cr1) No. 1896/2025 (II-C)

(FOR ADMISSION)

SLP(Cr1) No. 1899/2025 (II-C)

(FOR ADMISSION)

WITH

ITEM NO.47

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Cr1.) No. 3138/2025

(IA No. 53092/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 53094/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 53103/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/
FACTS/ANNEXURES)

ITEM NO. 50

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 3355/2025

AND

ITEM NO. 52

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 3303/2025
(FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

IA No. 55425/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 55424/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/
FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 03-03-2025 These matters were called on for hearing
today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

SLP(Cr1) No. 1657/2025 and SLP(Cr1) No. 1899/2025

1. Learned counsel for Directorate of Enforcement seeks and is granted one week time to file counter affidavit, if any.
2. List on 24.03.2025.

SLP(Cr1) No. 1680/2025 and SLP(Cr1) No. 1896/2025 (II-C)

3. Learned State counsel seeks and is granted one week time to file counter affidavit, if any.
4. List on 21.04.2025.

SLP(Cr1) No. 3138/2025, SLP(Cr1) No. 3355/2025 and SLP(Cr1) No. 3303/2025

5. Issue notice, returnable on 21.04.2025.
6. The respondent(s) be served through Standing Counsel also.

SLP(Cr1) No. 15941/2024, SLP(Cr1) No. 16406/2024, SLP(Cr1) No. 18075/2024, SLP(Cr1) No. 145/2025, SLP(Cr1) No. 172/2025, SLP(Cr1) No. 167/2025, SLP(Cr1) No. 66/2025, SLP(Cr1) No. 944/2025, SLP(Cr1) No. 1080/2025 and SLP(Cr1) No. 1114/2025

7. The petitioners in the above-mentioned cases have been arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Raipur in the Case FIR No. 3/2024. The allegations are of committing the offence under Sections 420, 120B of IPC and Sections 7, 7A

and 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. While filing the chargesheet, offence under Section 384 IPC has also been added. In sum and substance, the allegations are that some of the petitioners who were holding official position helped the main accused Suryakant Tiwari and his associates in collecting extortion money from coal transporters and they have been working in tandem with one Roshan Singh, a close associate of the main accused. The petitioners are alleged to have invested illicit money in acquiring the assets, the source of income for which they have not been able to satisfactorily explained. It may be mentioned that the petitioners were initially arrested by the Directorate of Enforcement in ECIR/RPZ0/09/2022 dated 29.09.2022 for offences under Sections 3 and 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 read with Sections 384 and 120B of IPC. While the petitioners were in custody of Directorate of Enforcement, a report was sent to the State Police to register the subject FIR, which came to be registered on 17.01.2024.

8. We are informed that though the chargesheet has been filed, however, on further investigation, the State has been able to unearth variety of incriminating material hinting towards complicity of the petitioners. According to the State counsel, further investigation is on-going and there is likelihood of filing of a supplementary chargesheet within two months or so. He does not dispute that hundreds of witnesses have been cited and keeping in view that a

supplementary chargesheet will also be filed, there is no likelihood of concluding the trial within a reasonable time.

9. Learned State counsel, to some extent, may be right in contending that most of the petitioners have enjoyed either high official positions or political patronage and due to their collusion and connivance, the public exchequer has suffered huge loss or that in the event of their release, the petitioners might cause impediment in the on-going further investigation.

10. On the other hand, learned senior counsel(s) for the petitioners submit that most of them are in custody for last more than 2 years or so (barring a few, who have less than one year custody in the subject FIR only as they were not arrested by the Director of Enforcement).

11. Taking into consideration the time consuming process of further investigation and without putting any burden on the investigating agency to conclude the on-going investigation in a hasty manner, we deem it appropriate, at this stage, to release the petitioners on interim bail subject to their furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the investigating agency as well as the trial court. This interim arrangement is made with a clear direction that if any of the petitioners is found involved in influencing the witnesses and/or tampering with the evidence or causing any impediment in the on-going investigation, the State will be at liberty to bring such instance on record along with supporting materials/affidavit and in that event, the

protection of interim bail shall stand withdrawn. In other words, the release of the petitioners on interim bail is on trial basis to strike balance between liberty and fair investigation. The State shall submit a report regarding the conduct of the petitioners while on interim bail on the date fixed.

12. List on 28.04.2025.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR