

ITEM NO.46

COURT NO.11

SECTION IV-C

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).34645/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-08-2025 in WPPIL No.73/2025 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur]

MADAN SINGH RATHIYA

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF CHHATTISGARH & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION.

IA No. 307904/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

WITH

SLP(C) No. 8140/2026 (IV-C)

FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 64282/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No. 12490/2026 (IV-C)

IA No. 60836/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 60835/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 15-05-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

(Ms. Jyoti Sharma (e.Mail Id.: [jyotib248@gmail.com](mailto:jyotib248@gmail.com); and Enrolment No.:D/7727/2018), learned counsel, *amicus curaie* (pro bono))

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For Respondent(s) :

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Mr. Sunil Kumar, Adv.  
Mr. Rakesh Soni, Adv.  
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Mr. Yash Bhardwaj, Adv.  
Mr. Manish Chaurasia, Adv.  
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Ms. Aswathi M.K., AOR

Ms. Ankita Sharma, Adv.  
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Upon hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

S.L.P.(C) No.34645/2025:

1. We have perused the report of Ms. Jyoti Sharma, learned *amicus curiae*. We appreciate the efforts thus far put in by her. It appears that, despite respondent nos.3 to 5 being informed of the passing of the order dated 02.02.2026 and the contents thereof, they have chosen not to enter an appearance or engage a counsel of their choice; as such, we request her to continue to assist the Court on their behalf.

2. List on 27.07.2026.

S.L.P.(C) No.8140/2026:

1. Let the appearing respondents shall file their vakalatnama and counter affidavit within four weeks. Rejoinder affidavit thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of listing.

2. List on 27.07.2026.

S.L.P.(C) No.12490/2026:

1. It is submitted that now respondent nos.5 & 6 are unrepresented.

2. In the interest of justice, we request and appoint Ms.Jyoti Sharma (e.Mail Id.: [jyotib248@gmail.com](mailto:jyotib248@gmail.com); and Enrolment No.:D/7727/2018), learned counsel, who is present in the Court, as *amicus curiae* (pro bono) to assist the Court on behalf of respondent nos.5 & 6.

3. The Registry is directed to supply the complete paper book in digital form to the learned *amicus curiae* within a period of three working days.

4. Learned *amicus curiae* shall endeavour to get in touch with the respondents directly, in writing, apprising them of the pendency of the present petition; the passing of the present order; their right to engage a counsel of their choice; and their right to be represented through a legal aid counsel, subject to eligibility.

5. Learned *amicus curiae* shall also get in touch with the Chairperson of the concerned District Legal Services Authority, who shall have the respondents apprised of their aforesaid rights.

6. Learned *amicus curiae* shall file the compliance affidavit before the next date of listing.

7. It is clarified that the learned *amicus curiae* shall continue to assist the Court even if the respondents are represented by a duly engaged counsel.

8. The Registry shall communicate this order to all concerned forthwith.

9. The Registry shall print the name of the learned *amicus curiae* in the cause list.

10. List on 27.07.2026.

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