

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 (C) No(s). 34645/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-08-2025 in WPIL No. 73/2025 passed by the High Court of Chhatisgarh 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.

Date : 02-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Manish Kumar Gupta, AOR
Ms. Harshita, Adv.
Ms. Sangita Gupta, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

Ms. Ayushi Pandey, Adv.
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Ms. Aswathi M.k., AOR

Ms. Nidhi Mittal, AOR

Ms. Ankita Sharma, AOR
Mr. Arjun D.Singh, Adv.
Ms. Ishika Neogi, Adv.
Ms. Divya Tripathi, Adv.

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

1. As per the office report, service is complete upon respondent Nos. 3 to 5. No one has entered appearance on their behalf.

2. In the interest of justice, we request and appoint Ms. Jyoti Sharma (e.mail id: jyotib248@gmail.com; enrolment no.: D/7727/2018) learned counsel as amicus curiae (pro bono) to assist the Court on behalf of respondent Nos. 3 to 5.

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 respective respondents directly, in writing, apprising them of the pendency of the present petition; 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. 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.

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

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

9. Let counter affidavit be filed within two weeks. Rejoinder affidavit, if any, be filed within one week thereafter.

10. List on 13th March, 2026.

(ANITA MALHOTRA)
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(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER