

ITEM NO.29

COURT NO.1

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(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).13621-13623/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 03-07-2026 in CRLMP No. 11488/2026 03-07-2026 in CRLMP No. 17227/2026 03-07-2026 in CRLMP No. 11489/2026 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras]

HIMANSHU PATHAK

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU & ANR.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 217302/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 06-08-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE V. MOHANA

For Petitioner(s) Ms. Nisha Tiwari, Adv.
Ms. Cheryl D'Souza, Adv.
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For Respondent(s) Dr. S Muralidhar, Sr. Adv.
For R.No.2 Mr. S. Shivathanu Mohan, Adv.
Ms. Shloka Narayanan, AOR
Ms. Shubhani D Krishan, Adv.
Ms. Ninni Susan Thomas, Adv.
Ms. Megha, Adv.
Mr. Rigved Prasad, Adv.
Ms. Apoorva Singh, Adv.

For R.No.1 Mr. B.Karunakaran, AOR
Mr. Shoaib Fazil S., Adv.

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

1. Issue notice, returnable on 18.09.2026.
2. Mr. B.Karunakaran, learned counsel, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1 and Ms. Shloka Narayanan, learned

counsel, who appears on *caveat* on behalf of respondent No.2, accepts notice on behalf of the said respondent.

3. Counter affidavit, if any, be filed within four weeks.

4. Respondent No.1 - State of Tamil Nadu shall also furnish details of similar cases/criminal antecedents, if any, pending/registered against the petitioner.

5. Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to appear before the XI Metropolitan Magistrate/XI Judicial Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai and furnish bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court. On furnishing such bail bonds, the petitioner shall be admitted to *interim* bail.

6. The petitioner may also apply for exemption from personal appearance, and such an application may be considered sympathetically, thereby exempting the petitioner from physical appearance unless there are compelling reasons against affording him the said relief. The petitioner shall, however, regularly appear and participate in the ongoing proceedings.

(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)
ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR