

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). 8437/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 21-03-2025 in CRM No. 87634/2024 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna]

AMAN KUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR

Respondent(s)

IA No. 138015/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 21-11-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Sidharth Luthra, Sr. Adv. (Amicus Curiae)
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Learned standing counsel appearing for the respondent-State submits that in the instant case charges have been framed on 02.08.2025. The learned trial judge shall expedite the trial.

2. Having regard to the larger issue, namely, trial courts across the country having not framed the charge in many pending matters, though charge-sheets have been filed and cognizance having been taken, we had requested Mr. Sidharth Luthra and Mr. S. Nagamuthu, learned senior counsels to assist this Court as amicus curiae after taking note of Clause (b) of sub-Section (1) of Section 251 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS Act).

3. Today, we have been informed by Shri Sidharth Luthra, learned senior counsel that certain High Courts have responded and have furnished details with regard to the status of the cases which have been pending for framing charges and yesterday i.e. 20.11.2025, three High Courts have forwarded the status of cases, which requires to be placed on record. Hence, he has prayed for some time to place those material on record.

4. Mr. Luthra, learned senior counsel, would also hasten to add that the reports from few High Courts are still awaited. Placing on record the commendable job done by the amicus curiae and his team, we are of the considered view that issue requires to be examined in

detail and as such it is ordered to be listed on a Non-Miscellaneous Day. The learned amicus curiae shall be assisted by Mr. Chidananda, Advocate-on-Record.

5. We make it clear that learned amicus curiae would be at liberty to contact or interact with the Registrar General of all the High Courts and seek such information, statistics or reports or such other details as may be required and as envisaged by this Court by Order dated 29.10.2025. The Registrar Generals of all the High Courts are directed to furnish all such information, as may be sought for by the learned amicus curiae, by compiling the same from various districts, and if felt necessary, the Hon'ble Chief Justices of the High Courts may constitute a Committee for this purpose and forward the information sought by the learned amicus curiae on emergent basis. Let this Order be brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Chief Justices of High Courts for consideration.

6. It is stated that learned Solicitor General has also filed a short affidavit along with an application for impleadment of Union of India through Ministry of Home Affairs. Registry to place the same on record.

7. List this matter on 16.12.2025 at 02:00 pm.

(RASHI GUPTA)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(CHETNA BALOONI KUKRETI)
COURT MASTER (NSH)