



ITEM NO.13

COURT NO.2

SECTION II-A

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).12137/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06-08-2025 in BA No.4992/2025 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

CHHAVI RANJAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA

Respondent(s)

IA No. 239944/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 194256/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 194123/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 239941/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
IA No. 194254/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 10-10-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Ajit Kumar Sinha, Sr. Adv.
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Mr. Aalok Kumar, Adv.
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For Respondent(s) Mr. Zoheb Hussain, Adv.
Mr. Sudarshan Lamba, AOR
Mr. Annam Venkatesh, Adv.
Mr. Hitarth Raja, Adv.
Ms. Astha Singh, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. The petitioner is one of the accused in ED Case No.ECIR/RNZO/18/2022. The allegations against the main accused (Amit Kumar Agarwal etc.) are that they committed fraud in the records to enter into a Sale Deed dated 01.10.2021, which pertained to a property owned by one Jayant Karnad. The petitioner was the Deputy Commissioner at the relevant time and is alleged to have conspired and assisted the main accused to get the records of the land holding fabricated with a view to availing loan facilities etc. The petitioner is a Member of the All India Services. He was arrested on 04.05.2023 and is in custody since then.

2. It is not in dispute that after completion of investigation, the complaint was filed and the trial has commenced. Five out of thirty-one witnesses appear to have been examined so far. The conclusion of the trial will take some reasonable time. The co-accused have already been released on bail. The petitioner does not have criminal antecedents.

3. Keeping in view the background of the witnesses, who have yet to depose, it appears that there is no likelihood of influencing the witnesses or tampering with the evidence. In any case, if such an attempt is made by the petitioner, it will amount to misuse of the concession of bail and necessary consequences will follow.

4. Taking into consideration the period already spent by the petitioner in custody, however, without expressing any opinion on the nature of the allegations levelled against him, we are inclined to release the petitioner on bail.

5. The petitioner is, accordingly, directed to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court.

6. The petitioner shall not leave the State of Jharkhand without prior permission of the Trial Court. He shall remain present before the Trial Court on each and every date of hearing and shall fully cooperate for the timely conclusion of the pending proceedings.

7. The Special Leave Petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

8. As a result, the pending interlocutory applications also stand disposed of.

(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)
ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR