

ITEM NO.301

COURT NO.2

SECTION II-E

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 (Crl.) Nos.6442-6443/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06-02-2026 in CRLRC No. 02/2024 06-02-2026 in CRA No. 2216/2024 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru]

MUKESH SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KARNATAKA ETC.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 109891/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 13-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

For Petitioner(s) :Ms. Maulshree Pathak, AOR
Ms. Nadia Shalin, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Leave granted.
2. These proceedings arise from the judgment and order dated 06.02.2026 of the High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru Bench in Criminal Referred Case No.2 of 2024 C/W Criminal Appeal No.2216 of 2024.
3. The execution of the death sentence shall remain stayed pending the hearing and final disposal of the present appeal(s).

4. The original record of the case be summoned from the Trial Court and the High Court. A copy of the translated record shall be supplied to the counsel for the parties.

5. In view of the orders passed by this Court in matters involving capital punishment, we issue the following directions:

a. The respondent-State shall place before this Court the report(s) of all the Probation Officers relating to the appellant within a period of sixteen (16) weeks.

b. The Superintendent of Jail, Shivamogga Central Jail, Shivamogga, Karnataka, shall submit a report with regard to the nature of work which has been performed by the appellant while in jail and a report with regard to the conduct and behaviour of the appellant while in jail within a period of sixteen (16) weeks.

c. The Head of the Shivamogga Institute of Medical Sciences, Shivamogga, Karnataka, shall constitute a suitable team for the purpose of carrying out a psychological evaluation of the appellant. The report of the evaluation shall be submitted to this

Court through the Standing Counsel for the State of Karnataka within a period of sixteen (16) weeks.

- d. Ms. Komal, who is associated with the Square Circle Clinic, NALSAR University of Law, is permitted to have access to the appellant, who is presently lodged in Shivamogga Central Jail, Shivamogga, Karnataka, to conduct multiple in-person interviews for the purpose of collecting information relevant to sentencing and to submit a Mitigation Investigation Report on behalf of the appellant through the appellant's Advocate-on-Record within twenty (20) weeks.
- e. The Superintendent, Shivamogga Central Jail, Shivamogga, Karnataka, shall ensure that, for the sake of confidentiality, these interviews shall be conducted in a separate interviewing space without any prison official or police staff being within earshot distance, and audio recorders be permitted to be used to record the interviews.
- f. A person nominated by Ms. Komal is permitted to accompany her to translate during the interview.

g. Ms. Komal is granted permission to obtain documents pertaining to the appellant, including but not limited to medical records, jail conduct, certificates of any educational, vocational or employment opportunities undertaken, etc. that the appellant may wish to submit for the purpose of sentencing information.

6. The Registry is directed to transmit a copy of this order to the Standing Counsel for the State of Karnataka, who shall, in turn, ensure that the order is communicated to the relevant authorities for compliance. The Registry shall, in addition, send a due intimation to all the concerned authorities immediately for compliance.

7. All the reports shall be duly compiled and placed before this Court on the next date of hearing.

8. Learned counsel for the parties to assist the Registry in pagination of the record.

9. List the matters after twenty (20) weeks.

(NEETU KHAJURIA)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR-CUM-PS

(RANJANA SHAILEY)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR