

ITEM NO.25

COURT NO.14

SECTION II-D

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). 15630/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 19-08-2025 in BA No. 4227/2024 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi]

RAHUL SHARMA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE NCT OF DELHI & ANR.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 237466/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 237467/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 237465/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

Date : 09-10-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

Having considered the matter in its entirety, and upon hearing learned Senior Counsel for the parties, and in the background of the contention of learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner that three prosecution witnesses, who are private individuals, have turned hostile in their deposition before the Court concerned after

respondent no.2 was released from custody, speaks volumes about the conduct of the respondent no.2. However, the learned counsel for the respondent no.2 has strongly denied such allegation.

2. Be that as it may, keeping in view the fact that now all private individuals, who were prosecution witnesses, have been examined, and only two doctors and the Forensic Science Laboratory(FSL) officers, who are official witnesses, remain to be examined, we direct the learned Senior Advocate for the respondent no.1 to ensure that the remaining witnesses record their evidence under full police protection, without the witnesses being intimidated or influenced in any manner.

3. The order of the Court shall also be communicated to the concerned witnesses prior to their deposition.

4. It is made clear that if the trial Court finds that any witness has tried to take sides in their deposition without being truthful to the Court, the Court shall take *suo motu* cognizance of such conduct and initiate action in their individual capacity.

5. List on 11.12.2025.

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