

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).3549/2016

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 12-02-2015 in CP No.100889/2014 passed by the High Court of Karnataka Circuit Bench at Dharwad]

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA & ANR.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

PRATHIK PARASRAMPURIA

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IA No. 79300/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT

IA No. 194335/2019 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 133039/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 19-12-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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1. Heard learned senior counsel/counsel appearing for the parties.
2. Reserved for judgment/order.

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