

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 (C) No(s). 10451/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 27-02-2026 in WPC No. 1053/2026 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi]

SAMEER DNYANDEV WANKHEDE

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 84030/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 84028/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 84027/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 25-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PAMIDIGHANTAM SRI NARASIMHA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK ARADHE

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

1. While we are not inclined to interfere with the order passed by the High Court, we are of the opinion that the appointment of the Inquiry Officer as well as the Presenting Officer on 07.03.2026 is without affording sufficient opportunity to the petitioner to file reply to the chargesheet. For this reason, we permit the petitioner to represent himself and file a reply to the chargesheet within two weeks from today. The respondent(s) will take the decision after considering the reply of the petitioner whether or not to appoint an Inquiry Officer as well as the Presenting Officer within two weeks thereafter.
2. We make it clear that we have not expressed any opinion on the merits of the matter.
3. With these observations, the Special Leave Petition is disposed of.
4. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(KAPIL TANDON)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(NIDHI WASON)
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