

ITEM NO.3

COURT NO.5

SECTION XII

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 FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (C) NO.22231/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 21-04-2026 in WAMD No.34/2026 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras at Madurai]

THE GENERAL MANAGER,  
STATE EXPRESS TRANSPORT CORPORATION & ANR.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

K RATHEESH

RESPONDENT(S)

IA No. 183702/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 183703/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 03-07-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK ARADHE

(PARTIAL COURT WORKING DAYS BENCH)

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Prashanto Chandra Sen, AAG  
Mr. B. Karunakaran, AOR  
Ms./Mr. M. Jayasri, Adv.

Ms. G. Indira, AOR (Not present)

For Respondent(s) :

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

Heard the learned Additional Advocate General assisted by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.

2. Having considered the matter in its entirety and perused the material available on record, we are not

inclined to interfere with the impugned judgment and order passed by the High Court.

3. Accordingly, the Special Leave Petition stands dismissed.

4. At this stage, the learned Additional Advocate General submits that the issue relating to back wages was neither raised by the petitioner nor considered by the Division Bench of the High Court. It is therefore prayed that the petitioner may be granted liberty to file an appropriate application before the appropriate forum in accordance with law.

5. In view of the above, liberty, as prayed for, is granted.

6. Pending applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

(POOJA SHARMA)  
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COURT MASTER (NSH)