ITEM NO.22 COURT NO.1 SECTION X

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Criminal) No(s).253/2026

NAMITA RANI & ANR. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondent(s)

IA No. 187945/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 02-11-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE V. MOHANA

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

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Reason:

The State of Jharkhand has filed its status report, *inter alia*, pointing out that an inquiry was made at the Sri Sri Thakur

Anukulchandra Satsang Ashram, Deoghar, where no entry of Mr. Burman or any Bangladeshi national on 24/25.03.2025 was found. The ashram employee informed that foreign visitors are required to request accommodation by way of an email and no such email was received from him. The State of Jharkhand has, accordingly, advised the petitioner No. 1 to lodge an FIR regarding the missing person along with his photograph, mobile number, etc., so that the necessary investigation can be done.

2. Similarly, the State of West Bengal has also filed a status report, *inter alia,* pointing out that Mr. Burman entered India on 20.03.2025 through Fulbari Integrated Check Post on a medical visa valid till 18.07.2025 for treatment at Star Hospital, Siliguri. He attended the OPD on 21.03.2024 and 22.03.2025 but was never admitted to the hospital. There is also no record of any later visits. The status report further clarifies that he was neither apprehended/detained nor questioned by the New Jalpaiguri Police Station and no FIR was registered. The CDR analysis of his mobile number, which he obtained locally on his passport, showed that he stayed at Shiv Mandir, Matigara on the nights between 20-22.03.2025, and travelled *via* Purnia and Bhagalpur on 23.03.2025. The said mobile was active near the aforementioned Satsang Ashram in Deoghar on a particular date and time, but his whereabouts thereafter are not known. The mobile handset was subsequently used with another SIM card by one Shambhu Kumar Yadav of Katoria, Banka, Bihar, whose telephonic explanation was found inconclusive.

3. Accordingly, we direct the Union of India to file a status report with specific reference to the communication received from

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh (Annexure P.5).

4. In the meantime, petitioner No. 1, if so advised, may get an FIR registered.

5. Post the matter for further consideration on 20.11.2026.

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ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

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