

ITEM NO.25+62

COURT NO.3

SECTION XI-A

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(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 19558/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 19-03-2025
in FAO No. 705/2019 passed by the High Court of Orissa at Cuttack]

SHASHIKANTA JENA & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF ODISHA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 158614/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING IA
No.158612/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 158611/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

WITH

SLP(C) No. 19559/2026 (XI-A)
(IA No. 151967/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING IA
No.151964/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 151959/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

SLP(C) No. 19560/2026 (XI-A)
(IA No. 159938/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING IA No.
159940/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING/CURING THE DEFECTS)

SLP(C) No. 19561/2026 (XI-A)
(IA No. 160400/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING IA No.
160399/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT IA
No. 160397/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION SLP)

SLP(C) No. 19562/2026 (XI-A)
(IA No. 162215/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING IA No.
162214/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT IA
No. 162213/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION SLP)

SLP(C) No. 19563/2026 (XI-A)
(IA No. 162759/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING IA
No.162758/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 162756/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION SLP)

SLP(C) No. 19564/2026 (XI-A)
(IA No. 163383/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING IA No.

163382/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT IA
No. 163380/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION SLP)

SLP(C) No. 19565/2026 (XI-A)
(IA No. 161650/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING IA
No.161648/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 161645/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

SLP (C) No(s). 19581/2026
(IA No. 163978/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING IA No.
163974/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT IA
No. 163973/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

SLP(C) No. 19582/2026 (XI-A)
(IA No. 165687/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING IA
No.165685/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 165683/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

Date : 27-05-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.K. MAHESHWARI
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SLP(C) No. 19560/2026

1. Delay condoned.

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners as well as the respondents have fairly conceded before this Court that the issue involved in the present Special Leave Petition, concerning Grant-in-Aid, stands adjudicated in a batch of appeals decided vide order dated 25.03.2026 in ***Muslemin Mahammad & Ors. v. State of Odisha & Ors.***¹

3. In the said batch of appeals, the matters concerning Grant-in-Aid were disposed of with observations contained in paragraphs **7, 8, and 9** of the said order, which read as under:

"7) In our view, the direction as issued by the High Court is completely in consonance with the reasoning as specified therein and the discretion has been left with the State to consider all the aspects as indicated hereinabove including the nature of the orders which have been passed by this Court in similar matters and to pass necessary

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orders subject to verification. In this light, we are not inclined to interfere.

8) Another reason is that numerous Special Leave Petitions, more than approximately 60 in number, filed before us and other coordinate Benches of this Court, have already been dismissed. Even after such dismissal, on insistence of learned Advocate General for the State, we have heard him at length and after hearing, we are not inclined to take a different view than that taken by us in previous other Special Leave Petitions as well as by other coordinate Benches of this Court. Accordingly, with the aforesaid, we are not inclined to entertain the present appeals filed by the State and are accordingly dismissed. As far as the appeals filed by the private persons are concerned, their cases shall also be dealt with in terms of the directions as issued by the High Court in similar manner and accordingly, such appeals stand disposed of.

9) Since the matters were pending before this Court after passing of the impugned order, therefore, the exercise as directed by the High Court be done by the State within six months from the date of this order."

4. Upon hearing learned counsel for the parties, and in view of the submission made before this Court, the issue involved in the present Special Leave Petition is squarely covered by the aforementioned order. Accordingly, this Special Leave Petition is disposed of in the same terms.

5. Pending application(s) including application for impleadment/intervention, if any, shall stand disposed of.

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6. Permission to file the special leave petitions is granted.

7. Delay condoned.

8. In terms of the order dated 25.03.2026 in the case of ***Muslemīn Mahammad & Ors Vs. State of Odisha and Ors.***² and the order passed by this Court today in Miscellaneous Application No. 1745 of 2026 in SLP (C) No. 6620 of 2026 and batch, we observe that the case of the petitioners i.e., private parties, is required to be considered in its right earnest as expeditiously as possible.

9. Accordingly, the special leave petitions are disposed of. Pending applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

(GULSHAN KUMAR ARORA)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(NAND KISHOR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR