ITEM NO.22 COURT NO.3 SECTION III-A

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

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 66735/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 13-02-2024 in WPMB No. 68/2023 passed by the High Court of Uttarakhand at Nainital]

ZILA BAR ASSOCIATION UDHAM SINGH NAGAR Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF UTTARAKHAND & ANR. Respondent(s)

[IA No. 349736/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING AND IA No. 349737/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.]

Date : 23-11-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV SACHDEVA

For Petitioner(s) :Ms. Mrinal Kanwar- 3163, AOR
Ms. Sonakshi Malhan, Adv.
Mr. Vaibhav Rajsingh Rathore, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Despite there being a delay of 893 days in filing the Special Leave Petition, we have heard learned counsel for the petitioner at length and we have perused the material on record.

2. We fail to understand as to how the petitioner-Bar Association could be aggrieved by the Notification dated 17.11.2022 issued by the High Court of Uttarakhand. The said Notification is in the interest of the litigant public and for the convenience of the administration of justice. Placing reliance on the Bengal, Agra and

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Assam Civil Courts Act, 1887 and particularly Section 21 of the said Act, at this stage may not be appropriate.

3. Having regard to access to justice in the Taluka headuarters also Additional District Judges are posted where they exercise jurisdiction at par with the District Judges.

4. Such being the case, the litigant public have to file cases at the jurisdictional level itself rather than filing the cases before the Courts of Principal District Judge at the District Headquarter and thereafter, the cases being made over to the Courts of Additional District Judge either by the District headquarter or at the Taluka Level.

5. In these circumstances, we dismiss this Special Leave Petition on the ground of delay as well as on merits.

6. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand dismissed.

(DEEPANSHU)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(DIVYA BABBAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)