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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 18502/2022

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 01-08-2022 in LPA No. 1631/2019 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna]

PANKAJ KUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

JAGARAN PRAKASHAN LIMITED & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 157488/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

WITH

SLP(C) No. 24361-24364/2023 (XI)

FOR PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES ON IA 194444/2023 FOR STAY APPLICATION ON IA 224532/2023 FOR PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES ON IA 268167/2023 FOR EARLY HEARING APPLICATION ON IA 251263/2025

IA No. 251263/2025 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION

IA No. 194444/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No. 268167/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No. 224532/2023 - STAY APPLICATION

SLP(C) No. 10629/2026 (XI)

IA No. 85629/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 85630/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 85631/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE SYNOPSIS AND LIST OF DATES

Date : 15-07-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

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

SLP(C) No. 24361-24364/2023

Having heard learned senior counsels appearing for the parties and having regard to the Order dated 3.11.2023, we are of the considered view that sufficient time has passed and yet the matter has not been disposed of. Hence, in order to balance the equities, we direct the petitioner-Jagaran Prakashan Limited to deposit the award amount insofar as the respondent No. 1(Amar Kumar Singh) and respondent No. 2(Kishan Lal) are concerned.

In the peculiar facts of the instant case we also make it explicitly clear that this order to deposit the amount by the

petitioner would not be treated or considered as a concession on the part of the petitioner and it shall not have any binding effect in any of the pending proceedings.

On such award amount being deposited within an outer limit of four weeks from today, Registry shall ensure that it is kept in a short term Fixed Deposits and it is needless to state that successful party would be eligible or entitled to receive the same with accrued interest thereon. The prayer sought for by the respondent(s)' workman for release of the amount stands rejected at this stage.

SLP(C) No. 10629/2026

Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) prays for and is granted three weeks' time to file rejoinder affidavit.

List all the matters for hearing after three weeks.

(DEEPANSHU)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)