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ITEM NO.6 COURT NO.3 SECTION II-A

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 6452/2024

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 21-02-2024 in BA No. 12048/2023 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi)

JAINENDRA KUMAR @ JAINENDRA SINGH @ PINTU SINGH Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 109400/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date: 05-08-2024 This matter was called on for hearing today.

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.R. GAVAI

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Siddhartha Dave, Sr. Adv.

Ms. MrignaShekhar, Adv. Mr. Sunny Choudhary, AOR

For Respondent(s) Ms. Tulika Mukherjee, AOR

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

- 1. Though the notice was issued by this Court on 14.05.2024, a period of almost three months have elapsed therefrom, the respondent/State seeks time to file reply today.
- 2. In matters relating to personal liberty of citizen, the State cannot be expected to act in such a casual manner. Rather they should have responded promptly.
- 3. Taking into consideration the fact that the deposition of the eye witnesses have already been recorded and further that the petitioner has been incarcerated in jail for almost a period of

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seven years, we are inclined to allow this petition.

- 4. The petitioner is directed to be released on bail in connection with S.T. No.276(A) of 2017 pending before Addl. Sessions Judge-XVI, Dhanbad, to the satisfaction of the Trial Court.
- 5. The special leave petition is, accordingly, disposed of.
- 6. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(NARENDRA PRASAD) DEPUTY REGISTRAR (ANJU KAPOOR)
COURT MASTER