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ITEM NO.301

COURT NO.4

SECTION II-C

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (CrI.) No(s).8164-8166/2021

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 03-11-2020 in CRLREVP No.1219/2019, CRLREVP No.1220/2019 and CRLREVP No.1222/2019 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi)

MOHD. ARBAZ & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI

Respondent(s)

WITH

SLP(CrI) No. 8496-8497/2021 (II-B)

IA No.164255/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT

IA No.164253/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No.164250/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No.149482/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(CrI) No. 8718/2021 (II-B)

IA No. 147020/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(CrI) No. 355/2022 (II-B)

IA No. 7098/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

SLP(CrI) No. 532/2022 (II-B)

SLP(CrI) No. 2666/2022 (II-B)

IA No. 46867/2022 - APPLICATION FOR TAKING ON RECORD

IA No. 53398/2022 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

IA No. 46871/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT

IA No. 41462/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 41461/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(CrI) No. 5190/2022 (II-B)

IA No. 79259/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

SLP(CrI) No. 11181/2022 (II-B)

SLP(CrI) No. 6876-6877/2022 (II-B)

IA No. 103181/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(CrI) No. 11349/2022 (II-B)

IA No. 115643/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(CrI) No. 6865-6866/2023 (II-B)

IA No. 105482/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

SLP(CrI) No. 1929/2023 (II-C)

SLP(Cr1) No. 3850/2023 (II-B)

(IA No.60330/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

SLP(Cr1) No. 5744-5746/2023 (II-B)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.78045/2023-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No.78046/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

SLP(Cr1) No. 8610/2023 (II-C)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.134901/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

SLP(Cr1) No. 12132/2023 (II-C)

IA No. 54745/2024 - APPLICATION FOR TAGGING/DETAGGING

IA No. 179632/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 179633/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 13190/2024 - INTERIM BAIL)

SLP(Cr1) No. 12200/2023 (II-C)

Diary No(s). 41755/2023 (II-C)

( IA No.212952/2023-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No.212951/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.212953/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

SLP(Cr1) No. 13327/2023 (II-C)

IA No. 212917/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 212918/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

SLP(Cr1) No. 13501/2023 (II-C)

Diary No(s). 43791/2023 (II-C)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.234690/2023-CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING and IA No.234689/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

SLP(Cr1) No. 4333/2024 (II-C)

SLP(Cr1) No. 3629/2024 (II-C)

SLP(Cr1) No. 11628/2022 (II-C)

IA No. 41799/2023 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION

IA No. 52371/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(Cr1) No. 4107/2023 (II-C)

IA No. 41886/2023 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION

IA No. 5571/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 5572/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

SLP(Cr1) No. 2562/2023 (II-B)

IA No. 39415/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

SLP(Cr1) No. 3446/2024 (II-C)

Date : 18-07-2024 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

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

1. In this batch of cases, the primary issue that arises for consideration is as to whether a chargesheet without the FSL/Examiner's Report in a NDPS case can be termed as an 'incomplete Report' under Section 173 Cr.P.C.?

2. During the course of hearing, it so transpired that various other questions of paramount public importance, with regard to the fairness and efficacy of the trials under the NDPS Act, also need to be resolved. Some of these issues have also been formulated by one of the learned counsel for the petitioners.

3. One such issue pertains to the establishment of adequate FSL/Examiner Laboratories by the State Governments along with appointment of requisite technical staff to operate such laboratories. It seems to us that issues such as the current status of the FSL/Examiner's Laboratories, creation of a robust mechanism for submission of the FSL/Examiner's Reports within the stipulated period and the issue pertaining to follow up action taken by the States in compliance of the directions issued by this Court in Union of India vs. Mohan Lal & Anr., (2016) 3 SCC 379, etc. would require indepth consideration by us. Consequently, we propose to hear all the States and the Union Territories before any effective directions are issued.

4. We, therefore, direct the Registry to issue notices to

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the Union of India, all the States and the Union Territories, returnable on 29.08.2024.

5. Notices re: prayer for interim bail be also issued, returnable on 29.08.2024.

6. The Union of India may be served through the Central Agency.

7. Liberty is granted to the petitioners to serve the States/Union Territories through their standing counsels as well.

8. The orders granting interim bail to the petitioners shall continue to operate until further orders.

9. Post these matters for hearing on 29.08.2024.

10. To be taken up at 3.00 p.m.

(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)  
ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR

(PREETHI T.C.)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR