

ITEM NO.6

Court 3 (Video Conferencing)

SECTION II-A

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 (Crl.) No.2978/2020

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 14-02-2020 in BA No. 11730/2019 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi)

JASDEO SWAMI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND

Respondent(s)

(With appln.(s) for I.R. and IA No.58773/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.58774/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No.58775/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT)

Date : 09-12-2020 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE INDU MALHOTRA
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE INDIRA BANERJEE

For Petitioner(s) Ms. Meenakshi Arora, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Abhinav Agrawal, AOR
Mr. Aditya Kumar Sinha, Adv.
Mr. Aman Mishra, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Arunabh Chowdhury, AAG
Mr. Rajiv Dvivedi, Adv.
Mr. Saurabh Jain, Adv.
Mr. Anando Mukherjee, AOR

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

- 1 We have heard Ms Meenakshi Arora, learned senior counsel, together with Mr Abhinav Agrawal, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr Arunabh Chowdhury, learned Additional Advocate General for the State of Jharkhand.

- 2 We are not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail having regard to the nature of the alleged offence under the provisions of Section 18 of the NDPS Act, and all the facts and circumstances of the case.
- 3 The counter affidavit filed by the State of Jharkhand records that after the charge-sheet was filed, charges were framed and the trial has commenced. Two witnesses have been examined, but it appears that trial could not be completed due to the onset of Covid-19.
- 4 While, we are not inclined to entertain the application for bail, we direct that the trial be concluded expeditiously within a period of four months from the date on which a certified copy of this order is placed on the record of the Trial Judge.
- 5 The Special Leave Petition is dismissed.
- 6 Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(CHETAN KUMAR)
A.R. -cum-P.S.

(SAROJ KUMARI GAUR)
Court Master