

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

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Cr1.) No.978/2020

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 13-12-2019 in CRLM No. 57363/2018 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna)

RAM BHUAN SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 20932/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 22-03-2023 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.S. BOPANNA  
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HIMA KOHLI

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

Heard learned senior counsel for the petitioner as also learned counsel for the State and perused the petition papers.

Though several contentions have been urged in the instant petition, we see no reason to get into those aspects at this

stage since we take note that this Court while directing notice to the respondents on 11.02.2020 had granted interim protection against arrest to the petitioner herein.

More than three years have elapsed and it is not in dispute that the trial has already started. If that be the position, there is no need to modify the said order dated 11.02.2020 and give effect to the order passed by the High Court, at this stage, since the result of the trial would ultimately taken care of the situation.

In that view, the interim protection granted to the petitioner shall enure to his benefit until completion of the process, subject to the petitioner diligently participating in the process. All parties shall co-operate with the trial court for expeditious disposal of the trial.

The Special Leave Petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

Pending application(s) shall also stand disposed of.

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COURT MASTER (SH)

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ASSISTANT REGISTRAR