

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

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL)..... Diary No(s).18819/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-08-2024 in MCRC No.28712/2024 08-01-2025 in WA No.2804/2024 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Indore]

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Petitioner(s)

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Respondent(s)

(IA No.146291/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, IA No.146292/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING/CURING THE DEFECTS, IA No. 146293/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 25-06-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH  
(PARTIAL COURT WORKING DAYS BENCH)

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Nachiketa Joshi, Sr. A.A.G.  
Mr. Pashupathi Nath Razdan, AOR  
Mr. Sarthak Raizada (GA), Adv.  
Mr. Astik Gupta, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Delay condoned.
2. Issue notice.
3. We have heard Shri Nachiketa Joshi, learned senior counsel and Additional Advocate General for the State of Madhya Pradesh. Learned senior counsel contends that they are not aggrieved by the grant of bail to the respondent at the moment.
4. The principal grievance is on the direction of the Single Judge, which has been affirmed by the Division Bench, which is to

the following effect:

"15. Thus, in its effort to ensure that this practice of careless and sloppy investigation must stop somewhere, and the investigation is not left to the whims of an investigating officer, it is directed to the Director General of the Police, M.P., Bhopal, to ensure that in each district of the State, each and every investigation in serious crimes be supervised by a team comprising of two member, which shall be headed by a senior level police officer, not below the rank of an experienced IPS officer, and other officer of the Police department, not below the rank of Sub-Inspector of Police, who may be chosen by the said IPS officer. The said Serious Crimes Investigation Supervising Team shall supervise the investigation, and the Investigating Officer shall also report and apprise the Team about the progress of the investigation for its inputs, to ensure that there are no lapses in the investigation, and the loopholes are plugged at the right time. The said team, together with the investigating officer, shall be held responsible for any lapses in the investigation.

5. The grievance of the State is that the direction is extremely unworkable since there are 4,88,966 criminal cases registered in the State of Madhya Pradesh as per the date available from the National Crime Record Bureau of the year 2022. Of this, 38116 cases are categorized as heinous/serious. Learned senior counsel contends that the IPS Officers at the Superintendent of Police level available in the district are 63 and if they are to personally supervise, it will become extremely onerous and seriously encumber their other official duties. Learned senior counsel drew our attention to the submission made by his counterpart in the High Court to the effect that if the supervision can be done at the level of a Deputy Superintendent of Police and Sub-Divisional Officer of Police, it will ensure that there are no lapses in investigation which the High Court intended to prevent by ensuring a higher level supervision. The submission merits consideration.

6. The State of Madhya Pradesh is directed to furnish Standard Operative Procedure within three weeks without prejudice to their rights and contentions which they desire to put in place to achieve the object which the High Court sought to achieve, while at the same time ensuring that the available manpower among the senior level officers are adequately apportioned and utilized.

7. Impugned directions set out hereinabove shall remain stayed till 14.07.2025.

8. List the matter on 14.07.2025 for further consideration.

(ARJUN BISHT)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)