ITEM NO.26 COURT NO.13 SECTION II-D

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(s). 21712/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 01-10-2026 in CRLMA No. 31076/2026 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi]

PRASHANT CHAUBEY Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE (NCT OF DELHI) & ANR. Respondent(s)

[IA No. 345425/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 347284/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES]

Date : 20-11-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Petitioner’s anticipatory bail application is pending before the High Court. Petitioner has been granted interim protection. However, petitioner is aggrieved by certain directions of the High Court like the direction in

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paragraph 7 of the order dated 01.10.2026.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner raises a question as to whether a court can direct an accused to handover his gadgets to the Investigating Authorities along with the password which according to him would tantamount to self-incrimination which is prohibited under Article 20 clause (3) of the Constitution of India.

3. Since the matter is pending before the High Court, we feel that a view should be taken by the High Court one way or the other on the above legal issue raised by the petitioner.

4. We have been informed that the next date before the High Court is 26.11.2026.

5. The High Court may deal with all the contentions raised by the rival parties on this issue.

6. In the meanwhile, the order dated 15.01.2026, passed by the High Court shall continue till disposal of the anticipatory bail application.

7. Special Leave Petition is accordingly disposed of.

8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

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