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ITEM NO.45 COURT NO.5 SECTION IV-B

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 (C) No(s). 31685/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 27-08-2026 in CWP-PIL No. 43/2026 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

ANKUR YOSEPH NARULA & ANR. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

TEJASVI MINHAS & ORS. Respondent(s)

IA No. 269254/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 06-11-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. This Special Leave Petition is filed against the interim order dated 27.08.2026 passed in a Public Interest Litigation.

2. Mr. Mukul Rohatgi and Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi, learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner have jointly submitted that the locus of the petitioner in the Public Interest Litigation is questionable.

3. On the other hand, Mr. Mohan Rao, learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent no. 1 submits that the Public Interest Litigation has been filed *bona fide* in public interest.

4. We are not inclined to interfere with the interim order passed by the High Court. However, we request the High Court to hear the parties and to decide the objection with regard to the locus of respondent no. 1 to file a Public Interest Litigation and thereafter to examine the merits of the matter.

5. It is clarified that we have not expressed any opinion on the merits of the matter.

6. With these observations, the Special Leave Petition stands disposed of.

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

(KAPIL TANDON)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

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