

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO.8025 OF 2026
(ARISING FROM SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) NO.13711 OF
2026)

ANIL KUMAR RAI

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

CIVIL APPEAL No.8026 OF 2026
(ARISING FROM SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) NO.15239 OF
2026)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

2. Under the impugned order the High Court has refused to decide the matters on merits on the ground that the counsel appearing physically is not prepared and the counsel appearing virtually from Delhi was not instructed by the appearing counsel. In addition, the High Court has also imposed cost of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) upon the appellant.

3. On due consideration and in the interest of justice, we set aside the impugned order and remit the matters back to the High Court for deciding the same on its own merits.

4. The Civil Appeals stand disposed of.
5. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
[PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA]

.....J.
[N.V. ANJARIA]

New Delhi
Dated; 20th May, 2026.

ITEM NO.40

COURT NO.16

SECTION III-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) NO.13711 OF 2026)

ANIL KUMAR RAI

PETITIONER

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION

WITH

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) NO.15239 OF 2026)(III-A)

FOR ADMISSION

Date : 20-05-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIAFor Appellant(s) : Dr. Vikash Kumar, Adv.
Mr. Ashutosh Kumar Shukla, AOR

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Kaustubh Anshuraj, AOR

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

Leave granted.

2. The Civil Appeals stand disposed of in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(JAGDISH KUMAR)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS(AKSHAY KUMAR BHORIA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)