ITEM NO.1 COURT NO.6 SECTION II-C

# SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.7437/2023

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 15-06-2023 in HCP No. 1021/2023 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras)

THE STATE REP BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Petitioner(s)

**VERSUS** 

MEGALA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.117269/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

#### WITH

SLP(Crl) No. 7460/2023 (II-C)

(IA FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT ON IA 117533/2023)

Date: 21-06-2023 These matters were called on for hearing today.

### CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH
(VACATION BENCH)

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
ORDER

- 1. We have heard Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General of India on behalf of the petitioner and S/Shri Neeraj Kishan Kaul, Devadatt Kamat and Vikram Chaudhry, learned Senior Counsel, who are on caveat, on behalf of the Respondents.
- 2. The High Court is yet to render its final opinion on the following issues:-
  - (i) Re. maintainability of the Habeas Corpus Petition;
  - (ii) The exclusion of the period of treatment undergone by the detenu from the period of custodial interrogation.
- 3. Since both these issues are likely to be examined by the High Court on the date fixed, i.e., 22-06-2023 or soon thereafter, we deem it appropriate to post these Special Leave Petitions for further hearing on 04-07-2023.
- 4. It is clarified that the pendency of these Special Leave Petitions shall not be taken as a ground to adjourn the matter, pending adjudication before the High Court.
- 5. The observations made by the High Court in the interim order dated 15-06-2023 or any oral observation made by this Court during the course of hearing shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

(VISHAL ANAND)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
COURT MASTER (NSH)