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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **CRL.A. 523/2026**

BABU LAL

.....Appellant

Through: Mr. Mohammad Faraz, Adv. (*through*
VC)

versus

STATE THROUGH STANDING COUNSELRespondent

Through: Mr. Ritesh Kumar Bahri, APP with
Mr. Lalit Luthra and Ms. Divya
Yadav, Advs.
SI Reena

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

JUSTICE MADHU JAIN

ORDER

% **21.05.2026**

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.

CRL.M.A. 16483/2026 (for exemption)

2. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions. Accordingly, the application is disposed of.

CRL.M.A. 16482/2026 (for delay)

3. The present application has been filed seeking condonation of delay of 143 days in filing of the present appeal.

4. For the reasons stated in the application, the delay is condoned.

5. The application is disposed of.

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6. The present appeal has been filed by the Appellant under Section 415 (2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter 'BNSS') challenging the impugned judgment dated 12th September, 2025 and the order



on sentence dated 15th November, 2025 passed by the Id. Additional Sessions Judge-01, Special Judge (POCSO), Karkardooma Courts, Delhi in *Sessions Case No. 67/2018* arising out of *FIR No. 21/2018* registered at P.S. Anand Vihar. *Vide* the impugned judgment, the Appellant has been convicted under Sections 376(2)(i)/366-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and has also been sentenced for remainder of life *vide* order on sentence dated 15th November, 2025. *Vide* the said order on sentence, compensation has also been awarded to the victim.

7. Admit.

8. Issue Notice. Mr. Ritesh Kumar Bahri, Id. APP accepts notice on behalf of the State.

9. The Registry is directed to requisition the TCR and prepare the appeal paperbook with proper indexing, pagination and bookmarks expeditiously and provide digitized copies thereof to Id. Counsels appearing on behalf of the parties, upon request. Let the TCR be tagged along with this appeal by the next date of hearing.

10. Let the physical TCR be requisitioned to the Court on the next date of hearing by the Registry.

CRL.M.(BAIL) 1061/2026 (for suspension of sentence)

11. The present application has been filed by the Appellant under Section 430 of the BNSS seeking suspension of sentence and release of the Appellant on bail during the pendency of the instant appeal.

12. Issue notice. Notice is accepted by Mr. Ritesh Kumar Bahri, Id. APP for the State.

13. Let the State file a status report/reply to this application by the next date



of hearing.

14. Issue notice to the victim through the concerned Investigation Officer.

15. Issue notice to the Secretary, Delhi State Legal Services Authority, New Delhi (hereinafter, 'DSLISA') to file a status report in respect of the compensation paid to the victim.

16. The latest Nominal Roll, along with any other relevant material in respect of the Appellant shall be placed on record by the concerned Jail Superintendent by the next date of hearing.

17. In addition, let an affidavit be filed by the Appellant in terms of the direction passed in *Practice Direction No. 178/Rules/DHC* dated 18th March, 2026 issued by this Court, pursuant to the decision of the Supreme Court in *Zeba Khan Vs. State of U.P & Others, Criminal Appeal No. 825/2026*.

18. Copy of the order be communicated to the concerned Jail Superintendent, for necessary information and compliance.

19. List on 9th September, 2026.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.

MADHU JAIN, J.

MAY 21, 2026/ys/ck