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

+ **CRL.A. 773/2023 & CRL.M.(BAIL) 1301/2023**

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.....Appellant

Through: Ms. Meena Chaudhary Sharma, Mr.
Saurabh Goel and Mr. Rajendra
Singh, Advocates

versus

THE STATE, GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Utkarsh, APP for State with SI
Harish Choudhary

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE CHANDRASEKHARAN SUDHA

ORDER

20.02.2026

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1. The appellant/accused in this case has been found guilty for the offence punishable under Section 326A IPC for having thrown hydrochloric acid upon the victim and her minor son who is none other than her sister-in-law.

2. This court as per order dated 08.12.2023 granted interim suspension of suspension till the next hearing date, which has been extended from time to time till this date. The interim suspension granted expires today.



3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor brings to my notice the recent directions of the Apex Court in acid attack cases and submitted that this is not a case in which the sentence requires to be suspended, as the appellant/accused threw acid on the victim while she was nursing her young child resulting in causing injuries to both the victim as well as the child.

4. The learned counsel for the appellant, on the other hand, submits that after the interim order of suspension was granted, there has been no violation of the bail conditions and that since the appellant is a mother of two young children and as there is no one else to look after them, the interim order of suspension may be extended and made absolute.

5. Heard both sides.

6. The relevant portion of the order dated 08.12.2023 reads thus:-

2. Learned counsel for the Appellant submits that the Appellant is 40 years of age with no criminal antecedents. Appellant has two minor children aged 10 and 13 years and there is no one else to look after them in the family. Her



husband has been missing for the last four years. The children are staying with her father-in-law who is 76 years of age and has a meagre income from the tea stall which he runs on a footpath near MCD Office, Shahdara. Recently, the father-in-law has met with an accident and injured both his arms including a fracture on the left arm and is unable to run the tea stall properly. Written complaint has been received from the Government School, where the children were admitted that they had not been going to school. In these special circumstances, it is prayed that sentence of the Appellant be suspended so that she is able to take care of the two minor children who are without any care. It is further submitted that the Appellant was falsely implicated and there are chances of success in the appeal on merits. Admittedly, as per the MLC, the injury on the body of her sister-in-law, the Complainant and her son was simple and at the time of final hearing, Appellant will be able to demonstrate that she was not responsible for the alleged incident.

3. Learned APP, on instructions from the IO, submits that the facts to the extent that the two minor children of the Appellant have not been going to school and are under the care and custody of her father-in-law who is 76 years of age and runs a tea stall, have been verified and are correct. It is also correct that he has recently met with an accident and injured his arms.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the Appellant and the learned APP for the State and looking at the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case as also the medical condition of the father-in-law and the fact that the Appellant has two minor children with no one to take care of them as her husband is also reportedly missing for the last four years, the sentence of the Appellant is suspended till the next date of hearing, on furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.10,000/- with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court/CMM/Duty Magistrate and further subject to the following conditions:-



i. Appellant will not leave the country without prior permission of this Court and would surrender her passport, if any;

ii. Appellant shall provide her permanent address to the concerned IO and shall intimate the IO as well as this Court by filing an affidavit regarding any change in the residential address;

iii. Appellant shall appear before the Court, as and when, the matter is taken up for hearing;

iv. Appellant shall provide all mobile numbers to the IO concerned which shall be kept in working condition at all times and any change in the mobile number(s) will only be after prior intimation to the IO;

v. Appellant shall not indulge in any criminal activity or communicate with or come in contact with the Complainant/Victim;

vi. Appellant shall report to SHO, Gandhi Nagar, Police Station at 12.00 PM once a month; and

vii. Appellant will abide by the undertaking given on her behalf, on instructions from the Appellant, that she will not stay at the residence of the victim, where she was living prior to the alleged incident.”

7. After the interim order was passed on 08.12.2023, more than 2 years have elapsed. No violations have been reported. As per condition No. (vi), the appellant has been directed to report to the SHO, Gandhi Nagar, Police Station at 12:00 noon once a



month.

8. The SHO concerned also does not have a case that the appellant/accused has not complied with the said condition.

9. In such circumstances, I find no grounds to deviate from the order dated 08.12.2023. Hence, the interim order of suspension shall continue until further orders.

10. List on 03.08.2026.

CHANDRASEKHARAN SUDHA, J

FEBRUARY 20, 2026

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