

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

R/CRIMINAL APPEAL (AGAINST CONVICTION) NO. 1235 of 2026
With
CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE) NO.
1 of 2026
In R/CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 1235 of 2026

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ROHITBHAI MOHANBHAI PACHANGNE

Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:

MR. DHRUVIK K PATEL(7769) for the Appellant(s) No. 1
MR. BHARGAV PANDYA, APP for the Opponent(s)/Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIMAL K. VYAS

Date : 08/06/2026

ORAL ORDER

1. Leave to amend is granted; both in the appeal as well as in the application. The same shall be carried out forthwith.
2. Heard learned advocate Mr. Zubin Bharda appearing for Mr. Dhruvik Patel, learned advocate for the appellant and learned APP Mr. Bhargav Pandya appearing for the respondent no.1- State.
3. The trial court after appreciating the entire evidence on record, has convicted the present appellant for the offences punishable under Section 354(A)(2) of the Indian Penal Code as well as under Section 8 of the POCSO Act, vide order dated 08.05.2026 passed in POCSO Case No.05 of 2022. Since the appellant is assailing his conviction, the present appeal is required to be admitted.

4. **Admit.** Learned APP Mr. Bhargav Pandya waives service of notice of admission for and on behalf of the respondent-State.
5. The registry shall call for the records and proceedings along with the entire set of the paper book from the concerned trial court.

Order in Criminal Misc. Application:

1. After the amendment is carried out, the Registry shall issue **Notice** to the newly added party respondent, making it returnable on 22.06.2026. Learned APP Mr. Bhargav Pandya waives service of notice for and on behalf of the respondent - State.
2. Learned advocate Mr. Dhruvik Patel appearing for the applicant is permitted to place on record the entire set of the paper book by the next date of hearing.
3. Direct service is permitted through the concerned Police Station.

(VIMAL K. VYAS, J)

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