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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.526 OF 2026 (F)

MAHESH CHANEKAR PRESENTLY LODGED IN JUDICIAL CUSTODY, COLVALE ... APPELLANT

Versus

STATE OF GOA THR. THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AND 2 ORS. ... RESPONDENTS

Mr. Rohan Desai, Advocate for the Appellant.
Ms. Swait Kamat Wagh, Additional Public Prosecutor for Respondent Nos.1 and 2/State.
Respondent No.3 present in person.

CORAM:- HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, J.

DATED :- 11th June, 2026

P.C.:

The present Appeal is directed against the judgment and order dated 04.05.2026 passed by the Presiding Officer, Fast Track Special Court (POCSO), Panaji, thereby convicting the Appellant for the offence punishable under Sections 376, 506(ii) of IPC and Sections 4 and 8 of POCSO Act. He has been sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 11 (eleven) years and to pay a fine of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) for the offence punishable under Sections 376, 506(ii) of IPC and a fine of Rs.35,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Thousand only) for the offence punishable under Sections 4 and 8 of POCSO Act.

2. Heard the learned Counsel for the Appellant.

3. Admit. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor waives service on behalf of Respondent Nos.1 and 2/State. Call for Records and Proceedings from the Trial Court.

4. As far as the application for suspension of sentence is concerned, the matter be listed on 25.06.2026.

HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, J.

Signed by: NITI K HALDANKAR
Designation: Private Secretary
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