



HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. - 8056 of 2025

Dharmendra Sonkar

.....Appellant(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 3 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Appellant(s)	:	Abhay Kumar Singh, Gyanendra Tripathi
Counsel for Respondent(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 80

HON'BLE RAJEEV MISRA, J.

Ref: Order on Memo of Appeal

Heard Mr. Abhay Kumar Singh, the learned counsel for appellant and the learned A.G.A. for State.

Admit.

Summon the lower court record.

Notice on behalf of State-opposite party-1 has been accepted by the learned A.G.A.

Issue notice to opposite parties- 2 and 3.

Notice issued to opposite parties- 2 and 3 shall be made returnable on 4.11.2025. Notice shall further indicate that matter shall re-appear before Court for orders as fresh on 4.11.2025.

Notice in respect of opposite party-4 was served in the Office of opposite party-4 before filing this appeal. However, in spite of service of notice no one has put in appearance on behalf of opposite party-4 to oppose this appeal even in revised call.

Put up this appeal for orders as fresh on 4.11.2025.

Ref: Order on Application for suspension of sentence

Heard Mr. Abhay Kumar Singh, the learned counsel for applicant/appellant and the learned A.G.A. for State.

Perused the record.

By means of the impugned judgment and order dated 5.7.2025, passed by Additional Sessions Judge/Special Judge, POCSO Jaunpur in Special Sessions Trial No. 03 of 2023 (State Vs. Dharmendra Sonkar) arising out of Case Crime No. 338 of 2022, applicant/appellant has been convicted under Sections under sections 376, 506 IPC and Section 5/6 POCSO Act, also and sentenced to a maximum of 20 years sentence along with fine.

Since applicant/appellant has been convicted under the POCSO Act also, therefore, no order can be passed by this Court on the application for suspension of sentence filed by applicant/appellant without hearing the first informant-opposite party-2.

Apart from above, as the sentence awarded to applicant/appellant is above 10 years, therefore, by reason of the provisions contained in Section 430 BNSS, the learned A.G.A. is mandatorily required to file his objections/counter/affidavit to the application for suspension of sentence before any order can be passed by this Court on the application for suspension of sentence. Notice on behalf of State-opposite party-1 has been accepted by the learned AGA.

Issue notice to opposite parties- 2 and 3.

Notice issued to opposite parties- 2 and 3 shall be made returnable on 4.11.2025. Notice shall further indicate that matter shall re-appear before Court for orders as fresh on 4.11.2025.

Notice in respect of opposite party-4 was served in the Office of opposite party-4 before filing this appeal. However, in spite of service of notice neither any objection/counter affidavit has been filed on behalf of opposite party-4 in opposition to this application for suspension of sentence, nor any one has put in appearance on his behalf to oppose this application for suspension of sentence even in revised call.

All the opposite parties shall file their respective objections/counter affidavits to the application for suspension of sentence within four weeks.

Learned AGA shall also bring on record the custody certificate of applicant/appellant along with counter affidavit to be filed by him.

Applicant/appellant will have two weeks thereafter to file his rejoinder affidavits.

Put up this appeal again for orders as fresh on 4.11.2025.

By the next date, the learned counsel for applicant-appellant shall file a list of dates, brief

September 9, 2025
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(Rajeev Misra,J.)