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ITEM NO.56

COURT NO.5 SECTION IIC  
S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CRL.M.P.NO. 16655/2016 IN CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(S).827/2013  
MANICKAM @ POONGA MANICKAM Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE REP.BY THE D.C.P.,CBCID M.W.CHENNAI Respondent(s)  
(With petition for bail and office report)

Date : 16/12/2016 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON&#39;BLE MR. JUSTICE RANJAN GOGOI  
HON&#39;BLE MR. JUSTICE L. NAGESWARA RAO

For Appellant(s) Mr. P. V. Yogeswaran,Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. M. Yogesh Kanna,Adv.  
Ms. Nithya, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

We have heard learned counsels for the parties and perused the relevant material. The accused-applicant who has been convicted under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life is in custody since 25.03.2002 i.e. 14 years 9 months. The appeal before this Court against the aforesaid conviction and sentence is presently pending before a Bench of three Judges in view of the difference of opinion

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between two Judges of this Court who had initially heard the appeal. The three Judges Bench matter is likely to take some time. Having regard to the period of custody suffered by the accused applicant, we are of the view that he should be released on bail. We order accordingly and direct that the accused-applicant be released on bail forthwith to the satisfaction of Additional District and Sessions Judge (Fast Track Court No.1) Chennai in connection with Sessions Case No.87/2003 subject to his not being wanted in connection with any other case.

The learned Additional District and Sessions Judge (Fast Track Court No.1) Chennai shall be free to impose all such conditions as he may deem fit.

Crl.M.P. No.16655 of 2016 is disposed of accordingly.

(Neetu Khajuria)

Court Master (Asha Soni)

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