



ITEM NO.2

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-E

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G SCriminal Appeal No.1557/2026

SULTAN BABA

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

[ONLY PRAYER FOR BAIL IS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM]

Date : 22-04-2026 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

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Mr. Aditya Chaudhary, Adv.UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. This matter has come up today to consider the plea of the appellant (convict) for suspension of the substantive order of sentence of life imprisonment and release on bail, pending the final disposal of his criminal appeal before us, which we have already admitted.

2. We take notice of the fact that the appellant was put to trial for the offence punishable under Section 376(2)(n) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short, "IPC") and also for the offence punishable under Section 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short, "POCSO Act")

3. At the end of the trial, the trial court held the appellant guilty of the alleged crime and sentenced him to undergo life imprisonment.

4. His criminal appeal before the High Court also failed.

5. We take notice of the fact that at the relevant point of time, that is at the time of the commission of the alleged crime, the appellant was 21 years of age.

6. We also take notice of the fact that the appellant has undergone past almost 13 years.

7. We also looked into some relevant evidence on record, more particularly, the history recorded by the Doctor as stated by the victim at the time of her medical examination.

8. In the overall view of the matter, we are convinced that the appellant has been able to make out a case for suspension of substantive order of sentence and release on bail.

9. In view of the aforesaid, We suspend the substantive order of sentence of life imprisonment and order that the appellant be released on bail forthwith, if not required in any other case, subject to terms and conditions that the trial court may deem fit to impose.

(VISHAL ANAND)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)