



ITEM NO.4

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-C

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.2251/2026

KUMAR

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF TAMIL NADU

Respondent(s)

[ONLY PRAYER FOR BAIL IS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM]
(FOR ADMISSION and I.R.)

Date : 08-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

For Appellant(s) :

Mr. Gopal Singh, AOR
Mr. Shivam Singh, Adv.
Ms. Ishita Agarwal, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, Adv.
Ms. Arpitha Anna Mathew, Adv.UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. The appellant was put to trial in the Mahila Court, Cuddalore in Special Sessions Case No.47 of 2018 for the offence punishable under Sections 4, 12 and 14 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short "POCSO") respectively and Section 506 (2) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short "IPC").
2. At the end of the trial, the appellant was held guilty of the alleged crime and was sentenced to prison for a period of 12 years with fine of Rs.5,000/- and in default of payment of fine, to undergo further simple imprisonment for a period of two years.
3. We have already granted leave in the matter.
4. The matter has come up today to consider the plea of the

appellant seeking suspension of the substantive order of sentence of 12 years and release on bail.

5. We heard Ms. Ishita Agarwal, the learned counsel appearing for the appellant (convict) and Mr. Hari Subramanyam, the learned counsel appearing for the State.

6. We take notice of the fact that the appellant (convict) is undergoing sentence past almost 7 ½ years. This is a case of a fixed term sentence. Apart from being a case of sentence of fixed term and the other circumstances on record have persuaded us to exercise our discretion in favor of the appellant (convict).

7. In view of the aforesaid, we suspend the substantive order of sentence of 12 years rigorous imprisonment and order that the appellant be released on bail, pending the final disposal of the Criminal Appeal, subject to terms and conditions that the trial court may deem fit to impose.

(VISHAL ANAND)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)