



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. /2026  
[@ SLP [CRL.] NO.7784/2026]

ONKAR LAL

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF RAJASTHAN

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appellant stands convicted in Sessions Case No.160/2025 (CIS No.160/2025) for the offences punishable under Sections 302 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. He has been sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life. His application for suspension of sentence was rejected by the High Court.

We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties.

Notwithstanding the fact that the appellant has undergone five years of sentence, his application for suspension of sentence was rejected by the High Court on the premise that the

appellant stands on a different footing from that of the co-accused. We take note of the fact that all the co-accused have been convicted. In such view of the matter, the difference drawn by the High Court cannot be sustained in the eye of law. Further, the appeal is of the year 2025, which will take substantial time to be disposed of. We also take note of the fact that the appellant has undergone incarceration for more than 5 years.

In such view of the matter, we are inclined to set aside the impugned order and suspend the sentence of the appellant and grant him bail, during the pendency of his appeal before the High Court, on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Trial Court.

Accordingly, the impugned order stands set aside and the sentence of the appellant stands suspended and he is granted bail, during the pendency of his appeal before the High Court, on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court.

The appeal stands allowed, accordingly.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.  
[M.M. SUNDRESH]

.....J.  
[NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH]

NEW DELHI;  
MAY 22, 2026.

ITEM NO.5

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SECTION II-D

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)  
No(s). 7784/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order  
dated 30-07-2025 in DBCRMSOSA(A) No. 869/2025  
passed by the High Court of Judicature for  
Rajasthan at Jodhpur]

ONKAR LAL

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

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Date : 22-05-2026 This petition was called on for  
hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Sanchar Anand, Adv.  
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For Respondent(s) Mr. Padmesh Mishra, A.A.G.  
Mr. S. Udaya Kumar Sagar, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made  
the following  
O R D E R

Leave granted.

The sentence of the appellant stands suspended and he is granted bail, during the pendency of his appeal before the High Court, on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court.

The appeal stands allowed in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(ASHA SUNDRIYAL)  
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POONAM VAID)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

[Signed order is placed on the file]