



ITEM NO.25

COURT NO.6

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 S

Criminal Appeal No(s). 2638/2026

SRINIVASAN @ HARIHARAN

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 148170/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 23-06-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

(PARTIAL COURT WORKING DAYS BENCH)

For Appellant(s) :

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For Respondent(s) :

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

1. This appeal is preferred against the impugned judgment and order dated 4th February, 2026 passed by the High Court of Madras in Criminal Appeal No.504 of 2019 whereby the High Court reversed the judgment of acquittal

dated 17th March, 2017 passed by the Trial Court (learned VII Additional Sessions Judge, Chennai in S.C.No.398 of 2011) and convicted the appellant and co-accused persons.

2. This Court, while entertaining the Criminal Appeals of the co-accused, has suspended the sentences awarded to such accused. Hence, we are inclined to extend the same benefit to the appellant. The sentence awarded to the appellant by the High Court under the impugned judgment shall remain suspended during pendency of the instant appeal and he shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Trial Court.

3. In case the appellant possesses a passport, the same shall be deposited before the competent Court/Authority till the conclusion of the present proceedings or unless directed otherwise.

4. The appellant shall not misuse the liberty in any manner and shall maintain good conduct.

5. Let the original records of both the Trial Court and the High Court be called for. A copy thereof, in digital form, be supplied to learned counsel appearing for the respective parties.

6. Let the pleadings be completed.

7. Hearing expedited.

8. Tag with Criminal Appeal Nos.2927-2929 of 2026 and connected matters.

(ANITA MALHOTRA)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(NIDHI WASON)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR