

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.1785 OF 2025
(Arising out of SLP (CrI.) No.2284/2025)

N. SIKKANDAR BABU

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE REP. BY THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. Having heard learned counsel for the parties, we are of the considered view that interest of justice would be best met with the reduction of the sentence awarded by the Trial Court vide judgment dated 27.05.2016.

3. The Trial Court found the accused guilty for committing the offences punishable under Sections 394 and 506(ii) of IPC. In relation to offence punishable under Section 394 IPC, the appellant was sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for a period of five years and a fine of Rs.5,000/-and in relation to offence punishable under Section 506(ii) IPC, he was sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for a period of one year and pay a fine of Rs.5,000/-. The same stands affirmed by the High Court in terms of impugned judgment and order dated 22nd March 2024 passed in CRLA(MD) No.312 of 2016.

4. It is not in dispute that the accused has already deposited the amount of fine.

5. We notice that all throughout he has maintained good conduct. He fully cooperated during investigation and trial, and that the accused at the time of offence was just 21 years of age.

6. Accounting for all the attending facts and circumstances and the principle of sentencing enunciated by this Court in Jasbir Singh v. Tara Singh¹; Vetrivel v. State²; Paneer Selvam v. State of TN³; Pramod Kumar Mishra v. State of U.P.⁴ we are inclined to reduce the sentence in relation to offence punishable under Section 394 from five years to two years. The appeal is partially allowed. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
(SANJAY KAROL)

.....J.
(MANOJ MISRA)

NEW DELHI;
APRIL 04, 2025

1 (2016) 16 SCC 441
2 2022 SCC OnLine SC 73; (2023) 13 SCC 675
3 2021 SCC OnLine 3456
4 (2023) 9 SCC 810

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 2284/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-03-2024 in CRLAMD No. 312/2016 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras at Madurai]

N. SIKKANDAR BABU

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE REP. BY THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 27741/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING AND IA No. 27742/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 04-04-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA

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For Respondent(s) :Mr. Amit Anand Tiwari, Sr. A.A.G.
Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, AOR

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

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeal is partially allowed in terms of signed order. The sentence of the appellant in relation to offence punishable under Section 394 is reduced from five years to two years.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(RAJNI MUKHI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed order is placed on the file)