ITEM NO.19

COURT NO.15

SECTION II-C

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 3653/2023

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 19-08-2016 in CRLA No. 412/2016 passed by the High Court Of Judicature At Madras)

GOVINDARAJ Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.42858/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF I/JUDGMENT & IA No.42861/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date: 10-09-2024 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHANSHU DHULIA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH

For Petitioner(s) Ms. Manika Tripathy, AOR

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

The petitioner/appellant was convicted and sentenced for life imprisonment by the Trial Court for the offences punishable under Section 376 of the Indian Penal Code r/w Section 3 and 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences, Act, 2012 (2 counts). His appeal was dismissed by the High Court. He has already undergone more than 10 years in jail.

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Leave granted only on the question of sentence.

Considering the period of incarceration of the appellant, we are of the opinion that a case of bail is made out for the appellant pending appeal.

Accordingly, the appellant is directed to be released on bail forthwith on the usual terms and conditions to be decided by the concerned Court pending appeal.

Summon the records of the Courts below.

(NIRMALA NEGI)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(RENU BALA GAMBHIR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)