IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

<u>CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. OF 2025</u> [arising out of SLP (Crl.) No. 8622/2023]

PERUMALSAMY

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU REPRESENTED BY THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE

Respondent(s)

ORDER

1. Leave granted.

2. The Trial Court convicted and sentenced the appellant to five years rigorous imprisonment on each count for offence under Section 10 of POCSO Act (3 counts). Further, the appellant was convicted and sentenced to one year imprisonment on each count for offence under Section 506 (I) of IPC (3 counts).

3. The appeal filed by the appellant has been dismissed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras vide the impugned judgment. Now, appellant is before this Court.

4. The order of the Trial Court, however, does not seem to be properly worded and there is no clarity whether the sentence would run concurrently or consecutively. However, considering the nature of the case and the impression which we have inferred from the judgment of the Trial Court, we make it clear that the sentence awarded by the Trial Court shall run concurrently in as much as the conviction has been recorded in one single trial and also considering the age of the appellant, who is presently 78 years old and has already undergone more than three years.

5. With these observations, we do not find any case for interference as to the order of the conviction.

6. The appeal is, accordingly, disposed of.

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

....J. [SUDHANSHU DHULIA]

[ARAVIND KUMAR]

New Delhi; July 23, 2025. ITEM NO.54

COURT NO.8

SECTION II-C

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 8622/2023

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 08-11-2022 in CRLA No. 464/2022 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras]

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Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

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Respondent(s)

IA No. 122872/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 23-07-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHANSHU DHULIA HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR

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

1. Leave granted.

 The appeal is disposed of in terms of the signed order placed on the file.

(JATINDER KAUR) P.S. to REGISTRAR (RENU BALA GAMBHIR) ASSISTANT REGISTRAR