



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.1358 OF 2026
[@ SLP [CRIMINAL] NO.14975 OF 2025]

KARAN KUMAR

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF RAJASTHAN & ANR.

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant seeks bail in connection with FIR No.56/2024, dated 13th March, 2024, registered at Police Station Jamwa Ramgarh, District Jaipur Gramnin, Rajasthan, for the offences punishable under Sections 376, 354D, 504 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, along with Section 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and the provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.
3. We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the appellant and the learned Additional Advocate General for the respondent-State. Despite service, the victim has chosen not to appear before this Court.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the appellant submits that this is a case involving a consensual relationship. The victim was in touch with the appellant for quite some time. Both the appellant and the victim studied in the same school. The appellant has undergone incarceration for a period of two years and only 26 out of 39 witnesses have been examined.

5. Considering the above, we are inclined to grant bail to the appellant.

6. Accordingly, the impugned order is set aside and the appellant is granted bail on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court. While fixing the terms and conditions, the Trial Court shall impose an additional condition to the effect that the appellant shall not harass the victim and shall not circulate her pictures/videos in public.

7. The appeal stands allowed, accordingly.

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

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

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

**NEW DELHI;
MARCH 13, 2026.**

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). 14975/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 28-07-2025 in SBCRMTBA No. 8468/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jaipur]

KARAN KUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

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(IA No. 321370/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 13-03-2026 This matter 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. Namit Saxena, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

Ms. Sansriti Pathak, A.A.G.

Ms. Nidhi Jaswal, AOR

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

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.

The appellant is granted bail on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court. While fixing the terms and conditions, the Trial Court shall impose an additional condition to the effect that the appellant shall not harass the victim and shall not circulate her pictures/videos in public.

Pending application shall stand disposed of.

(ANITA MALHOTRA)

AR-CUM-PS

(Signed order is placed on the file.)

(POONAM VAID)

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR