

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL APPEAL (DB) No.391 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-118 Year-2020 Thana- MAHILA PS District- Buxar

Sonu Keshri, Son of Birendra Prasad Keshri, R/V- Chousa Beach Bazar, P.S.-
Buxar (Muffasil), Dist- Buxar.

... .. Appellant

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. [REDACTED] r/o Village-Krishnapuri, Chousa, P.S.-Buxar Muffasil, Dist-
Buxar.

... .. Respondents

Appearance :

For the Appellant	:	Mr. Ajay Kumar Thakur, Advocate Mr. Rajeev Ranjan, Advocate Ms. Vaishnavi Singh, Advocate Ms. Sushmita Mishra, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Abhimanyu Sharma, Addl.PP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SOURENDRA PANDEY
CAV JUDGMENT
(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD)

Date : 18-11-2025

This appeal has been preferred for setting aside the judgment of conviction dated 13.02.2023 (hereinafter referred to as the ‘impugned judgment’) and the order of sentence dated 14.02.2023 (hereinafter referred to as the ‘impugned order’) passed by learned Additional District Judge, VI-cum-Special Judge, POCSO Act, Buxar (hereinafter referred to as the ‘learned trial court’) in POCSO Case No. 45 of 2020 arising out of Buxar Mahilla P.S. Case No. 118 of 2020.

2. By the impugned judgment, the appellant has been convicted for the offences punishable under Section 376 of the



Indian Penal Code (in short 'IPC') and Section 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (in short 'POCSO Act'). By the impugned order, he has been sentenced to undergo twenty years rigorous imprisonment with a fine of Rs.20,000/- under Section 376 IPC and Section 4 of the POCSO Act. In default of payment of fine, he has to further undergo six months simple imprisonment.

Prosecution Case

3. The prosecution case is based on the written application of the informant/victim (PW-1). In her written application, she has stated that on 13.12.2020 at about 09:00 AM, she was going to get repaired her 'remote' from her house, as soon as she reached near Gadhitir Wall, then this appellant came from behind on his motorcycle and asked as to where was she going, to which she replied saying that she was going to get repaired the remote. Thereafter, this appellant told her to come at his shop with him where she will get the remote, he took her on his motorcycle. He took her near Durga temple where he got seated a boy on the motorcycle and took her at a dilapidated government building near canal where this appellant and his friend committed rape on her. She has stated that she already knew this appellant but she did not identify his friend, however, she will recognize him on seeing.



