

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.1212 OF 2024**

Ravindra Somnath Gupta

...Appellant/
Accused

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr.

...Respondents

Mr. M.B. Shirsat a/w Fehmida Ahmed for Appellant.

Mr. Hitendra J. Dedhia, APP for State.

Mr. Mahendra Sandhyanshiv a/w Mr. Vikas Maurya for
Respondent No.2.

PSI, Balu Rathod, Kalwa Police Station, Thane present.

CORAM: R.M. JOSHI, J.

DATE : 23rd FEBRUARY 2026.

P.C.:

1. For the reasons separately recorded in the Order,
following order is passed :

O R D E R

(i) Appellant/Accused- Ravindra Somnath Gupta, residing at Kurakat, Post-Handiya, District- Ilahabad (Uttar Pradesh) is hereby acquitted for the offence punishable under Sections 376(2)(f), 376(3) of the Indian Penal Code, Section 3(a) punishable under Section 4, Section 5(j)(ii)(n) punishable under Sections 6 and 7 punishable under Section 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences, Act, 2012.

(ii) The impugned Judgment and Order passed by the learned Special Judge under POCSO Act, Thane in Special

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(P) Case No.1364 of 2022 dated 13th June 2024 is hereby quashed and set aside

(iii) Appellant/Accused be released forthwith in F.I.R. No. I-531 of 2022, registered with Kalwa Police Station.

(iii) His bail bonds, if any, shall stands cancelled.

[R.M. JOSHI, J.]