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Crl.A.No.253 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18.03.2026

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Crl.A.No.253 of 2026
and Crl.M.P.No.4349 of 2026

Ranganathan

... Appellant

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
W-20 All Women Police Station,
Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015.
(Crime No.1325 of 2016)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Appeal is filed under Section 415 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, to set aside the judgment and conviction made in Special Sessions Case No.531 of 2018 on the file of the Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, Chennai, dated 18.05.2022 and to acquit the appellant.

For Appellant : Mr.C.Venkatesan

For Respondent : Ms.J.R.Archana
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Appeal has been filed against the judgment dated 18.05.2022 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Special Court for



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Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, Chennai, in S.C.No.531 of

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2. Learned counsel for the appellant submitted that the appellant herein has passed away on 18.02.2026 and therefore, he prayed that the appeal in respect of the appellant may be closed. Further, he also produced the Death Certificate of the appellant before this Court.

3. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police has also confirmed the death of the appellant and furnished the report from the prison authorities.

4. Recording the submission made by the learned counsel for the appellant, this Criminal Appeal stands abated. The Death Certificate of the appellant produced by the learned counsel for the appellant shall form part of the records. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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1. The Sessions Judge,
Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act,
Chennai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
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Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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