



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-03-2026

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

**CRL A No. 47 of 2024
AND CRL MP NO. 243 OF 2024**

Prathap @ Apple
S/o.Ravishankar, C.T.No.21593, Central Prison,
Coimbatore.

..Appellant(s)

Vs

Inspector Of Police
All Women Police Station,
Ooty Rural, Manjoor Police Station.
Cr.No.125/2017

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Criminal appeal has been filed under Section 374 of Cr.P.C. praying to set aside the conviction and sentence imposed in the judgment dated 29.11.2018 in Spl.CC.No. 6 of 2017 on the file of the learned Sessions Judge of Magalir Neethimandram (FTMC), Udhagamandalam at Nilgiris.

For Appellant(s): M/s.T.Saravanan

For Respondent(s): Mrs.J.R.Archana, GA(Crl.Side)

ADVANCE ORDER

The appeal is allowed in-part and the conviction and sentence imposed on the appellant/accused namely Prathap @ Apple, S/o.Ravishankar by the learned Sessions Judge, Magalir Neethimandram (FTMC), Udhagamandalam at Nilgiris in Spl.CC.No. 6 of 2017 by judgment dated 29.11.2018 stands modified and the



appellant/accused is found guilty for the offences under Sections 4 of POCSO Act and 506(i) of IPC and sentenced to undergo imprisonment for a period of seven years for the offence under Section 4 of POCSO Act (as it stood prior to Amendment Act 25 of 2019) and to pay a fine of Rs.1,000/-(Rupees one thousand only) in default to undergo simple imprisonment for one month and one year for the offence under Section 506(i) of IPC and the sentences shall run concurrently. Now that the appellant/accused, viz., Prathap @ Apple, S/o.Ravishankar has already undergone incarceration for more than 7 ½ years, he is directed to be set at liberty forthwith, unless his presence is required in connection with any other case.

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To

1. The Magalir Neethimandram (FTMC),
Udhagamandalam at Nilgiris.
2. The Superintendent of
Central Prison, Coimbatore.
3. The Inspector Of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Ooty Rural, Manjoor Police Station.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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