

# Veerendra vs State Of Madhya Pradesh on 21 January, 2020

**Bench: Uday Umesh Lalit, Indu Malhotra, Krishna Murari**

ITEM NO.103

COURT NO.6

SECTION II-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Criminal Appeal

No(s). 5-6/2018

VEERENDRA

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

( [ TO GO BEFORE THREE HON'BLE JUDGES ] [ DEATH CASE ] [ TOP OF THE BOARD ]

IA No. 135361/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 21-01-2020 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UDAY UMESH LALIT  
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE INDU MALHOTRA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI

For Appellant(s)

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

The conviction was recorded against the appellant by the Trial Court for the offences punishable under Sections 302, 376A, 376 (2)(i) of the Indian Penal Code and Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 (in short POCSO Act) and he was awarded death sentence on first two counts and life sentence under the third count and fourth count.

The High Court acquitted him of the charge under Section 376A of the IPC, but the conviction and sentence as recorded by the Trial Court in respect of the other three counts was maintained. Effectively, the appellant stands convicted under Section 302 IPC and sentenced to capital punishment.

In a recent judgment this Court has laid down that in all matters where legal aid is extended to an accused and in case there is a death sentence, a senior advocate be appointed as amicus curiae to extend legal assistance.

In keeping with the directions, we requested Ms. Sonia Mathur, learned senior counsel to assist the Court as amicus curiae and she has graciously accepted the request.

Copy of the paperbook be given to Ms. Sonia Mathur, learned senior counsel.

List the matter before the appropriate Court on 4.2.2020.

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