

Delhi HC: Pressing, touching minor’s lips without sexual intent not POCSO offence

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court has said in the absence of sexually motivated advances, touching and pressing minor girl's lips and sleeping next to her cannot attract prosecution for "aggravated sexual assault" under POCSO Act.

Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma observed the acts might violate her dignity and outrage her modesty but without "overt or inferred sexual intent" would fall short of meeting the legal threshold required to sustain a charge under section 10 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act).

The judge, however, ruled that there was a clear prima facie case under Section 354 of IPC for 'assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty'.



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The court passed the judgement on February 24 while deciding the plea of the uncle of a 12-year-old minor girl against framing of charges under Section 354 IPC and Section 10 of POCSO Act against him.

The court sustained the charge under Section 354 but discharged him under section 10 of POCSO Act.

"Essential ingredients of an offence under Section 354 of the IPC are squarely

met. This provision criminalises the use of criminal force or assault against a woman with the intent to outrage her modesty or with the knowledge that such an act is likely to do so," the court said.

Referring to Supreme Court's rulings, the court said the apex court has repeatedly said modesty, in the context of Section 354 of IPC, must be interpreted in light of the dignity and

bodily autonomy of a woman, or a minor girl.

"(However) the victim has not alleged any act of an overtly sexual nature, nor has she suggested in any of her recorded statements whether before the magistrate, the police or CWC that she was subjected to sexual assault or that there was even an attempt to commit such an offence...the absence of even the slightest indication of a sexually motivated advance in the statements of the victim negates the foundational requirement of 'sexual intent', which is an essential element of an offence under Section 10 of POCSO Act," it added.

The minor girl, the verdict said, was abandoned by her mother at a young age and lived at a child care institution. She was visiting her family at the time of the incident, it noted.

The verdict observed in a scenario when the child was seeking familial warmth and security, any inappropriate physical contact by a family member in a position of trust was far more than just discomforting a clear violation of her dignity, bodily autonomy, and modesty.

Even a minimal physical contact, when done with an intent or with the knowledge that it was likely to outrage modesty, was sufficient to invoke Section 354 of IPC, it said.

The court also deprecated the practice of passing "cryptic, non-speaking, pro-forma orders" by trial courts underlining no reasoning -- even in the present case -- whatsoever to justify the framing of charges.

SC grants interim bail to UP MLA Abbas Ansari in Gangsters Act case

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday granted six weeks' interim bail to Uttar Pradesh MLA Abbas Ansari in a case under the state's Gangsters Act.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh directed Ansari, son of late gangster Mukhtar Ansari, to stay in his official accommodation in Lucknow and seek prior permission from authorities before visiting his constituency in Mau.

The bail reprieve from the top court paves way for Ansari's release from Kasganj Jail for he is on bail in all other criminal cases against him.

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from speaking in public on the pending cases, the top court sought a status report from the police on compliance of the bail conditions by Ansari in six weeks.

Ansari, the court said, should be released from jail subject to furnishing bail bonds in a Chitrakoot sessions court, hearing the case's trial.

Ansari was taken into custody in other criminal

cases on November 4, 2022 and arrested under the gangsters Act on September 6, 2024.

The bench noted he was granted bail in all other criminal cases except the gangsters Act case.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Ansari, said the high court had quashed the FIR registered against him under the gangster Act case, last year, but granted liberty to the police to file another FIR if there was evidence against him.

He said the police filed the FIR and retained similar averments present in the previous one.

"Time and again, the courts have either quashed the FIR against him or granted bail in cases registered against him. This shows the level of prosecution the state was pursuing against Ansari," Sibal said.

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Jairam Ramesh mocks PM Modi: 'Interested in tareef, not tariffs' amid US threat

PTI, NEW DELHI: Narendra Modi is only interested in "tareef" and not concerned with tariffs, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said on Friday and wondered where is the prime minister's "56-inch chest" in dealing with US threats on the reciprocal-tariff issue.

In an interview with PTI, Ramesh said the Congress will raise the issue of US President Donald Trump's reciprocal-tariff threats during the upcoming second half of the Budget session and called for