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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI (Special Original Jurisdiction) **[3596]**

WEDNESDAY, THE 8th DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K SURESH REDDY

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE SUMATHI JAGADAM

CRIMINAL APPEAL NOS: 2441/2018 AND 512/2019

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO: 2441/2018

Between:

RAJU RAVATH S/O SURESH, AGED 28 YEARS, CASTE BY REDDY, R/O WARD NO.15, TELITOLA, MOHAJARI VILLAGE, BALGHAT DISTRICT AND NOW RESIDING AT D.NO. 6-242, GOSALA KATTA VILLAGE, PENAMALURU MANDAL.

...APELLANT

AND

THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. its, represented Public Prosecutor, High Court at Hyderabad.

...RESPODENT

Counsel for the Appellant:

1. A SWARUPA REDDY
2. LEGAL AID

Counsel for the Respondent:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR (AP)

AND

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO: 512/2019

Between:

REKHA KEVATH W/O RAMBEERANJAN, AGED 25 YEARS, R/O. 6-242, GOSALA KATTA, GOSALA VILLAGE, PENAMALURU MANDAL

...APELLANT

AND

STATE OF AP, Rep by its inspector of police, Kankipadu circle, through public prosecutor, High court Building, Hyderabad

...RESPODENT

Counsel for the Appellant:

1. A SWARUPA REDDY
2. -

Counsel for the Respondent:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR (AP)

The Court made the following:

ADVANCE COMMON ORDER : *(Per Hon'ble Sri Justice K.Suresh Reddy)*

In the result, both the Criminal Appeals are allowed in part by setting aside the conviction and sentence recorded against the appellants/A.1 and A.2 by the learned XIII Additional District and Sessions Judge (FTC), Vijayawada in S.C. No.96 of 2018, dated 10.05.2018, for the offence under Section 302 IPC. Instead, the appellants/A.1 and A.2 are convicted for the offence under Section 304 Part II IPC and sentenced them to the period already undergone by them while maintaining the fine amount, as both the accused have already undergone more than eight (08) years of imprisonment. Insofar as the conviction and sentence recorded against the appellants/A.1 and A.2 for the offence under Section 201 IPC is concerned, the same is confirmed and remain unaltered including the fine amount.

2. As the appellant/A.1 in Crl.A. No.2441 of 2018 has already undergone the entire sentence, including the default sentence, he shall be set at liberty forthwith, if he is not required in connection with any other case or crime.

3. As the appellant/A.2 in Crl.A. No.512 of 2019 was already released on bail by order of this Court *vide* I.A.No.1 of 2025, dated 11.02.2025, in terms of the order, dated 02.11.2016, passed by the

Combined High Court in ***Batchu Rangarao and others Vs The State of Andhra Pradesh (Crl.A.M.P.No.1687 of 2016 in Crl.A.No.607 of 2011***), her bail bonds shall stand cancelled.

Consequently, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

(Detailed Judgment follows.....)

JUSTICE K.SURESH REDDY

JUSTICE SUMATHI JAGADAM

Dt. 08.07.2026

Note : After dispatch of the advance order, please send the entire bundle to the Court Masters' Section for drafting the detailed Judgment.
(B/o). SAB

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE K.SURESH REDDY

AND

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE SUMATHI JAGADAM

Criminal Appeal Nos.2441 of 2018 AND 512 of 2019

(Per Hon'ble Sri Justice K.Suresh Reddy)

Date: 08.07.2026

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