

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 196 OF 2013

PRATIBHA LAKHA RATHOD
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

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Advocate for the appellant: Mr. R.C. Patil
APP for respondent: Mr. A.R. Borulkar

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**CORAM : S. S. SHINDE AND
V. K. JADHAV, JJ.**

DATED: 29th SEPTEMBER, 2016

OPERATIVE ORDER

1. For the reasons to be recorded separately, criminal appeal is hereby allowed.
2. Impugned judgment and order of conviction dated 21.12.2012 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Jalgaon in Sessions case No. 134 of 2011, thereby sentencing the appellant-accused Pratibha Lakha Rathod, to suffer imprisonment for life and to pay fine of Rs.5000/-, is hereby quashed and set aside.
3. The appellant-accused Pratibha Lakha Rathod is hereby acquitted for the offence punishable under Section 302 of I.P.C. in

Sessions case No. 134 of 2011.

4. The fine amount, if paid, be refunded to the appellant-accused.

5. The appellant-accused Pratibha Lakha Rathod be released forthwith, if not required in any other crime.

6. Criminal appeal is disposed of.

(V. K. JADHAV, J.)

(S. S. SHINDE, J.)

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