

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

Crl. Appeal D-51-DB of 2003
Date of Decision : January 29, 2016

Gurjit SinghAppellant

VERSUS

State of PunjabRespondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.P.S. MANN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN**

Present : None for the appellant.

Mr. S.S.Dhaliwal, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

T.P.S. MANN, J. (Oral)

Appellant-Gurjit Singh had filed the present appeal for challenging the judgment and order dated 2.12.2002 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Moga whereby he was convicted under Sections 302/34 IPC on two counts and sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life and to pay a fine of Rs.5,000/- on each of the counts and in default of payment of fine, to further undergo rigorous imprisonment for one year.

On 20.11.2014, learned counsel appearing for the appellant had apprised the Court that the appellant had expired on 24.10.2006. In this regard, he produced the death certificate issued by the Additional District Registrar (Births and Deaths), Moga which was taken on record and a copy thereof supplied to learned State counsel. Learned State counsel, however, sought an adjournment for obtaining verification of the aforementioned fact.

Learned State counsel has produced the affidavit of Inspector Sukhdev Singh, Station House Officer, Police Station Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga wherein it stands mentioned that the factum of death of appellant-Gurjit Singh having taken place on 24.10.2006 stands duly verified. Alongwith the affidavit, he has appended the joint statement of Sarabjit Kaur and Paramjit Singh, members of the Panchayat of village Khai, District Moga.

As the appellant has since expired, the appeal filed by him abates and is, accordingly, disposed of.

**(T.P.S. MANN)
JUDGE**

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**(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE**