

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 541 OF 2014**

WITH

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1428 OF 2018

Pratapp Bhimsingh Parera. ..Appellant.

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra. ..Respondent.

WITH

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 253 OF 2015

WITH

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1106 OF 2017

Gandadhar Babaji Lenaka. ..Appellant.

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra. ..Respondent.

WITH

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 313 OF 2014

Savita Pratap Parera. ..Appellant.

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra. ..Respondent.

WITH

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 433 OF 2014

Santoshi Santosh Pradhan. ..Appellant.

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra. ..Respondent.

Mr. Ameeta Kuttikrishnan, advocate appointed for appellants in all the appeals.

Mr. S.H. Yadav, APP for State.

CORAM : SMT. SADHANA S. JADHAV,J.

DATE : DECEMBER 7, 2018.

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P. C. :

1 Heard the learned Counsel for the appellants and the learned APP for State.

2 For the reasons to be recorded separately, following order is passed :

ORDER

- (i) All four appeals are allowed.
- (ii) The conviction and sentence awarded by the Judgment and Order dated 15/7/2013 in Special (NDPS) Case No. 23 of 2011 passed by Special Judge, Solapur is hereby quashed set aside. The appellants are acquitted of all the charges.
- (iii) The appellants be released forthwith. Fine amount if paid be refunded.
- (iv) The Superintendent of Yerwada Prison to send the compliance report of this order and the particulars of the child such as name, age etc. immediately to this Court.
- (v) The professional fees of Ms. Ameeta Kuttikrishnan shall be quantified as per rules in each appeals.
- (vi) The Writ be issued expeditiously.
- (vii) Appeals and applications stand disposed of accordingly.
- (viii) Registry to inform this order to the accused forthwith who are lodged in Yerwada Prison.

[SMT. SADHANA S. JADHAV, J.]