

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.74 OF 2004
STATE OF MAHARASHTRA
VERSUS
VENKAT VIRAPPA CHOPDE

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APP for the Appellant/ State : Shri K.S.Patil
Advocate for the Respondent/ Accused : Shri Joydeep Chatterji

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**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE
&
B. U. DEBADWAR, JJ.**

DATE :- 02nd February, 2021

Per Court :-

1. The learned prosecutor places before us a copy of the death certificate of the original accused (Venkat Birappa Chopde) dated 01.02.2021 which indicates that the original accused passed away on 27.11.2007. The said death certificate is taken on record and marked as "X" for identification.
2. This appeal has been preferred by the State for challenging the judgment and order dated 06.09.2003 delivered by the Additional Sessions Judge, Udgir in Sessions Case No.173/2001, vide which, the accused has been acquitted of the charge of having committed an offence punishable under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code.
3. In view of the above, this Criminal Appeal stands abated.