

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

**CRA-S-2608-SB-2017**

**Date of decision :13.08.2021**

**Manjeet Singh @ Bhola**

**... Appellant**

**Versus**

**State of Haryana**

**...Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL**

Present: Mr. F.S. Virk, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. Praveen Bhadu, Asstt. Advocate General, Haryana

(Through Video Conferencing)

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This appeal has been filed by convict-Manjeet Singh @ Bhola for challenging the judgment and order dated 23/24.05.2017 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ambala whereby, he was convicted under Section 18 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (hereinafter referred as 'NDPS Act' for the sake of brevity) and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of four years and to pay a fine of Rs.20,000/- and in default of payment of fine, to further undergo simple imprisonment for a period of six months.

The appeal came to be admitted on 21.07.2017. When the appeal came up for hearing on the application for suspension of sentence of the appellant, learned counsel for the appellant as well as learned State counsel have informed this Court that appellant-Manjeet Singh @ Bhola had passed away during the pendency of the appeal. Learned State counsel has also produced

the custody certificate, as per which appellant Manjeet Singh @ Bhola expired on 13.02.2020 in G.H. Ambala Cantt.

Learned counsel for the appellant submits that none of the relatives of the appellant has contacted him for seeking leave to continue to appeal and therefore, with the death of the appellant, the appeal abates.

In view of the above, the appeal is hereby disposed of as having abated.

**(VIKAS BAHL)**  
**JUDGE**

**13.08.2021**  
*Jitesh (JTS)*

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| Whether speaking/reasoned:- | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable:-        | Yes/No |