

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

**CRM No. 21891 of 2022 in/and
CRA-D-1108-DB-2016
Date of decision: 14.09.2022**

Gopal Kumar @ Machar

.....Appellant(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S.SANDHAWALIA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present: Mr. Mohan Singla, Legal Aid Counsel,
for the applicant-appellant.

Mr. Arjun Sheoran, DAG, Punjab.

G.S.SANDHAWALIA, J. (Oral)

Counsel for the State has placed on record the letter dated 09.09.2022 received from the office of the Superintendent, Central Jail, Amritsar showing that the applicant-appellant has expired on 07.01.2020.

Accordingly, the present appeal stands disposed of as having abated.

A list has also been appended with the said letter showing names of 17 more persons who have expired in the preceding two years.

This Court, on 12.07.2022, passed following directions in CRA-D-63-2020:-

“The Additional Deputy General of Police, Prisons, Punjab shall issue necessary instructions that in case of death of any person in the last two years undergoing sentence which is subject matter of appeal before this Court, the intimation should be sent to the concerned Advocate General and Registrar (Judicial) within a period of one month as no such intimation has

been sent in the present case.

Ms. Palika Monga, DAG, Haryana is also present and, therefore, the State of Haryana is also put to notice and the same exercise should also be carried out by the State of Haryana. Accordingly, State of Haryana shall also issue necessary instructions to the Deputy General of Police, Prisons, Haryana to take appropriate steps. The said directions shall also be applicable to the U.T. of Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the Inspector General, Prisons, Chandigarh for necessary compliance.

The said exercise would help in disposing off the appeals which are pending before this Court and which would abate qua the said accused.”

Accordingly, the office shall also process the said appeals which are detailed in the list and list them as per Roster before the concerned Courts so that appropriate orders can be passed specially in cases where there is a sole appellant. In case the Registrar (Judicial) has also received similar information from other jails from the State of Punjab, Haryana and U.T., Chandigarh, necessary exercise be done in other criminal appeals also.

(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

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(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No