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CRA-D-780-DBA-2005

State of Haryana vs. Ram Pal and ors.

Present: Mr. Pawan Girdhar, Addl.A.G. Haryana

Mr. Surjeet Bhadu, Advocate (legal aid counsel)
for the respondents

Order on quantum of Sentence:-

1. In compliance of the verdict passed by this Court on 07.08.2024, five of the accused/convicts (respondent Nos. 2, 3, 5 to 7) are produced today in the custody of Inspector Rajender Kumar, Police Station, Dhand, for theirs being heard on the quantum of sentence.

2. Learned State counsel submits that the instant case is the rarest of rare case, wherebys, capital punishment is required to be imposed upon the present convicts/accused. However, in the facts and circumstances of the present case, the above submission is liable to be rejected.

3. At this stage, the learned Addl. Advocate General, Haryana, on instructions imparted to him by Inspector Rajender Kumar, Police Station, Dhand, submits that three accused, namely, Ram Pal son of Rati Ram, Subhash Chand son of Inder and Jagdish alias Nanha son of Chatar Singh), had respectively expired on 07.02.2011, on 15.11.2021 and on 12.06.2023 and has placed on file their respective death certificates. Therefore, when the demise of the said accused had occurred during the pendency of the instant appeal before this Court, as such, though the said appeal was required to become declared to be abated qua the said accused. However, it appears that on account of non-intimation of the above fact, to the learned Addl. Advocate General, Haryana, that the said fact also remained unintimated to this Court.

4. Be that as it may, since the verdict has been pronounced against the deceased/convicts, despite the fact that the said deceased/accused, had died

during the pendency of the instant appeal before this Court, therebys, in so far as the passing of the decision on 07.08.2024 against the said deceased/convicts is concerned, the same is reviewed but only in so far as the said accused is concerned.

5. In consequence, the request for the deletion the name of the accused/deceased, namely, Ram Pal son of Rati Ram, Subhash Chand son of Inder and Jagdish alias Nanha son of Chatar Singh from the memo of parties of the apposite criminal appeal, being caused by the Registry of this Court, thus, is allowed. Moreover, any findings returned against the said deceased/convicts be also not read against them. In addition therebys, neither the said deceased/convicts are required to be heard on the quantum of sentence, nor any sentence is required to be passed against them.

6. However, since the conviction as recorded but only in so far as the decision rather is reviewed, thus, the proceedings in the instant appeal, as drawn against the said deceased/accused (supra), are also required to become declared to become abated qua only the concerned.

7. Moreover, learned counsel for the accused/convicts also argues before this Court that since the impugned judgment was rendered on 06.01.2001, and, arose from the commission of offences in the year 1999, therebys, the substantive sentence of imprisonment lesser than the substantive sentence of life imprisonment, be imposed upon the convicts/accused.

8. However, the above submission is rejected as in terms of the provisions envisaged in Section 302 of the IPC, this Court is bound to impose the substantive sentence of life imprisonment, upon the convicts. Therefore, any substantive sentence of imprisonment lesser than of life imprisonment, rather is not imposable upon the accused/convicts.

9. In consequence, the accused/convicts are sentenced to undergo the

<u>Offence under Section(s)</u>	<u>Sentence(s)</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Sentence in default payment of fine</u>
302 read with 149 IPC	Rigorous imprisonment for life	Rs.25,000/- each	Rigorous imprisonment for three months each.

10. The period(s) spent in prison by the convicts, thus during investigation or trial, are, in terms of Section 428 of Cr.P.C., thus, ordered to be set off from the above imposed substantive sentence(s) of imprisonment, upon, the convicts.

11. The fine, if any, realized from the accused/convicts, shall be disbursed to the members of the family of the deceased-victim.

12. The Registry of this Court, is accordingly, directed to prepare the committal warrants, for therebys, the present accused/convicts being lodged in District Jail, Kaithal.

13. Moreover, a copy of the verdict passed by this Court on 07.08.2024 along with a copy of the order of sentence passed today by this Court, be forthwith, supplied free of cost, to the present accused/convicts.

14. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of another connected case.

(SURESHWAR THAKUR)
JUDGE

(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)
JUDGE

August 09, 2024
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