

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL APPEAL (DB) No.267 of 2000

RAMA SHISH GOPE, son of late Gokul Gope, resident of village Bhadraku Bigha, P.S.- Nagarnausa (Chandi), District- Nalanda.

... .. Appellant/s

Versus

STATE OF BIHAR

... .. Respondent/s

with

CRIMINAL APPEAL (DB) No. 322 of 2000

DEO GOPE, son of Ramgi Gope, resident of village- Bhadru Ke Bisha, P.S. Nagarnausa (Chandi), District- Nalanda.

... .. Appellant/s

Versus

STATE OF BIHAR

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

(In CRIMINAL APPEAL (DB) No. 267 of 2000)

For the Appellant/s : None

For the Respondent/s : Mr.Satya Narayan Prasad, APP

(In CRIMINAL APPEAL (DB) No. 322 of 2000)

For the Appellant/s : None

For the Respondent/s : None

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NANI TAGIA

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR SINGH

ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR SINGH)

4 19-11-2025 Instant Criminal Appeals, arising out of common judgment and order dated 20.05.2000 passed by learned 2nd Additional Sessions Judge, Hilsa (Nalanda) in Sessions Trial No.474 of 1995 (Hilsa P.S. Case No.163/1994) are listed for hearing.

2. Despite repeated calls, none appears on behalf of the



appellants, whereas Mr. Satya Narayan Prasad, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State is present.

3. Perusal of record shows that vide letter dated 16.07.2025 of Assistant Registrar, Cr. Appeal Section of this Court, a living status report of accused appellants was called for. In response thereto, Superintendent of Police, Nalanda, submitted report dated 26.07.2025 based on the information furnished by S.I., Nagarnausa P.S., apprising this Court that the sole appellant namely Ramashish Gope in Cr. Appeal (DB) No.267 of 2000 has died during pendency of this Cr. Appeal.

4. In view of the above, Cr. Appeal (DB) No.267 of 2000 stands abated.

5. Consigned to record.

6. So far as appellant namely, Deo Gope in Cr. Appeal (DB) No.322 of 2000 is concerned, it is mentioned that he is alive.

7. Since no one is appearing on behalf of appellant namely, Deo Gope, therefore, for speedy disposal of this Cr. Appeal, this Court propose to appoint *amicus curiae* but feels that before appointing any *amicus curiae* on behalf of appellant Deo Gope, one opportunity/ information about listing of instant Cr. Appeal should be given to the appellant.



8. Let a notice be issued to appellant namely, Deo Gope in Cr. Appeal (DB) No.322/2000 for his appearance either personally or through his counsel on the next date, failing which this Court would have no option except to appoint *amicus curiae* for hearing of this Cr. Appeal.

9. List Cr. Appeal (DB) No.322 of 2000 on 21.01.2026 along with service report.

(Nani Tagia, J)

(Sanjay Kumar Singh , J)

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