

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL APPEAL (DB) No.199 of 2000

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Santosh Kumar Jha @ Lalan Singh, Son of Shri Nawal Kishore Jha, of
Village Binod Nagar, Police Station-Dhanbad, District-Dhanbad.

... .. Appellant/s

Versus

State of Bihar

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Appellant/s : Mr.Ranjan Kumar Jha, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Satyanarayan Prasad, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISH KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

3 26-05-2026 Perused the Letter No. 1047 dated 14.05.2026 of the

Senior Superintendent of Police, Bhagalpur along with the
report of Police Inspector cum S.H.O., Kotwali Police Station,
Bhagalpur dated 26.12.2025, wherein it is indicated that during
enquiry it came to light that the sole appellant Santosh Kumar
Jha @ Lalan Singh has died. Death certificate of the appellant
issued by Department of Planning and Development,
Government of Jharkhand has also been enclosed with the said
reports.

2. In view of the said letters as also section 394 of the
Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, which corresponds to
section 435 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023,
since no near relative has filed any application for leave to



continue the appeal, the Criminal Appeal stands abated and disposed of.

3. Let the trial court records be sent back to the concerned court immediately, if not required in any other case.

(Sangam Kumar Sahoo, CJ)

(Harish Kumar, J)

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