

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL APPEAL (DB) No.546 of 1997

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Babunand Mahto Son of Late Jairam Mahto, Resident of Village-Pujhan
Patjirwa Koiree Tola, P.S.- Bariya, District-West Champaran (Bettiah).

... .. Appellant/s

Versus

State of Bihar

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Appellant/s : Mr.Bipin Kumar Sinha, Advocate

For the Respondent/s :

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISH KUMAR

ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

6 01-05-2026 Perused the Letter No. 162 dated 09.02.2026 of the Superintendent of Police, West Champaran (Bettiah) along with the report of SHO, Shrinagar Pujha dated 09.02.2026, wherein it is indicated that during enquiry it came to light that the sole appellant Babunand Mahto, has died. Certificate of death issued by Mukhiya of Gram Panchayat Raj, North Patjirwa, P.S. Shrinagar (Pujha) (Kaimur) has also been enclosed with the said report.

2. In view of the said letter 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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