

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 651 OF 2020

RAJU DEWANGAN . . . **APPELLANT(S)**

Versus

THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH . . . **RESPONDENT(S)**

O R D E R

This appeal is directed against the judgment and order dated 9th January, 2018 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur whereby the High Court, agreeing with the conclusion as recorded by the Trial Court, has rejected the appeal of the appellant and confirmed the conviction under Section 397 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the sentence to undergo 7 years Rigorous Imprisonment.

We have heard learned counsel for the parties and have perused the material on record. The Trial Court and the High Court had meticulously examined the evidence on record

and in particular the statement of the injured witness and, accordingly, convicted the appellant under Section 397 of the IPC and awarded the sentence to undergo seven years of Rigorous Imprisonment. As such, we are not inclined to interfere with the impugned orders. Further we have been informed that the appellant has already undergone the sentence awarded and must have been released by now.

Accordingly, we dismiss this appeal.

..... .J.
[VIKRAM NATH]

..... .J.
[SANDEEP MEHTA]

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Date : 13-06-2024 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA
(VACATION BENCH)

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For Respondent(s) Mr. Apoorv Shukla, AOR
Ms. Prabhleen A. Shukla, Adv.
Ms. Aanchal Kushwaha, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

The appeal is dismissed in terms of the signed
order in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand
disposed of.

(SONIA BHASIN)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(RANJANA SHAILEY)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

[Signed order is placed on the file]