

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(S).1703 OF 2017  
[Arising out of Special Leave Petition  
(Criminal) No.5474 of 2017]

SOMNATH JAGANNATH DEOKAR . . . APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF  
MAHARASHTRA . . . RESPONDENT(S)

ORDER

1. We have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned counsel for the State of Maharashtra.
2. Leave granted.
3. The accused appellant has been convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for ten years for the offence under Section 436/34 IPC. He has also been convicted under Section 3(2)(iv) and (v) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act read with

Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life. Co-accused i.e. accused Nos. 1, 2 and 3 have already been released on bail. The accused appellant has been in custody for about two years now. The appeal filed before the High Court is not likely to be heard by the High Court on an immediate date.

4. Taking into account all the aforesaid facts, we are inclined to release the accused appellant on bail. Therefore, the appellant is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Beed in connection with Sessions Case No.188 of 2012.

5. The learned Additional Sessions Judge, Beed is free to impose such condition(s) as may be considered appropriate.

6.           Consequently, the order of the High Court is set aside and the present appeal is disposed of in the above terms.

.....,J.  
(RANJAN GOGOI)

.....,J.  
(NAVIN SINHA)

NEW DELHI  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

ITEM NO.45

COURT NO.3

SECTION II-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

PETITION(S) FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (CRL.) NO(S). 5474/2017  
(ARISING OUT OF IMPUGNED FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER DATED 20-06-2017  
IN CRL.APPL. NO. 2507/2017 IN CRL.A. NO.198/2017 PASSED BY THE HIGH  
COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY AT AURANGABAD)

SOMNATH JAGANNATH DEOKAR

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

RESPONDENT(S)

Date : 22-09-2017 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RANJAN GOGOI

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN SINHA

For Petitioner(s)

Mr. Sudhanshu S. Choudhari, AOR  
Ms. Surabhi Guleria, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

Mr. Nishant Ramakantrao Katneshwarkar, AOR

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

Leave granted.

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

[VINOD LAKHINA]

AR-cum-PS

[ASHA SONI]

BRANCH OFFICER

[SIGNED ORDER IS PLACED ON THE FILE]