

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(S). 178/2019

AJIT KUMAR RANA @ AJIT RANA & ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. This is a case wherein all the appellants were arraigned as accused in pursuant to the First Information Report registered way back on 08-09-1983. FIR was registered against 60 persons and out of which chargesheet has been filed against 55 of them. The trial court convicted all the accused persons under sections 436/149 and 147 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. The High Court vide the impugned judgment acquitted all the accused persons except the appellants only on the premise that they have been named by four of the eye-witnesses.
2. Though, the appellants have made out a case for consideration, especially, in the light of the Section 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 where there is always

a tendency to rope in more people, we are not inclined to interfere with the ultimate conviction made by both the Courts concurrently by appreciating the evidence of the eye-witnesses.

3. We have been informed that out of four appellants, the appellant No.4 is no more. The appeal qua the appellant No. 4 stands dismissed, as abated. The other appellants are very very old, bordering around 80 years of age. The occurrence is of the year 1983.
4. Considering the above, we are inclined to modify the sentence to the one already undergone.
5. The appeal qua the other appellants stands allowed in part.
6. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

.....J.
[M.M. SUNDRESH]

.....J.
[RAJESH BINDAL]

NEW DELHI;
8th MAY, 2025

ITEM NO.104

COURT NO.8

SECTION II-B

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

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Respondent(s)

Date : 08-05-2025 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL

For Appellant(s) Mr. Amarjit Singh Bedi, AOR
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Ms. Riya Seth, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Kunal Mimani, AOR
Mr. Abhinav Rana, Adv.

M/S. PLR Chambers And Co., AOR

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

The appeal qua appellant No.4 is dismissed as abated and appeal qua the other appellants is allowed in part in terms of the signed order.

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

(SWETA BALODI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POONAM VAID)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)