

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

CRIMINAL APPEAL Nos 1683-1687 OF 2019

[@ Special Leave to Appeal (CrI.) No(s). 10864-10868/2018]

RAMANDEEP SINGH & ANR.

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

**PUNJAB STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES
CORPORATION LTD. (PUNSUP) & ORS.**

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

These appeals have been filed against the interim order dated 04.12.2018 passed by the High Court in CRR No. 283, 433, 434, 478 & 452 of 2018. The appellants have been convicted for an offence punishable under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and sentenced to undergo one year imprisonment and Rs.10,000/- as fine in five different cases.

The appeals were dismissed against which revisions were filed which are pending in the High Court. The High Court had also granted interim relief in the revisions which have been withdrawn by the impugned judgment dated 04.12.2018.

Learned counsel for the appellants submits that on the day when the revisions were called, the arguing counsel was out of station and a request was made to adjourn the matter which was declined. Earlier, the High Court had directed the appellants to submit a proposal which was duly submitted but without considering the same, the order was passed.

Learned counsel for the respondents submits that the proposal

submitted by the appellants was considered and declined by the Corporation on 27.03.2018.

Be that as it may. The criminal revisions being pending before the High Court and the appellants had already undergone four months' imprisonment, we are of the view that ends of justice be served in setting aside the order dated 04.12.2018 with a request to the High Court to dispose of the criminal revisions at an early date preferably within a period of six months. We further make it clear that it shall be open for the High Court to consider the proposal of the appellants placed before the High Court after giving an opportunity of hearing to learned counsel for the respondents.

The appeals are allowed to the above extent.

.....J.
[ASHOK BHUSHAN]

.....J.
[M.R. SHAH]

NEW DELHI;
November 15, 2019.

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). 10864-10868/2018

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 04-12-2018 in CRR No. 283/2018 04-12-2018 in CRR No. 433/2018 04-12-2018 in CRR No. 434/2018 04-12-2018 in CRR No. 478/2018 04-12-2018 in CRR No. 452/2018 passed by the High Court Of Punjab & Haryana At Chandigarh)

RAMANDEEP SINGH & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

PUNJAB STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES

CORPORATION LTD. (PUNSUP) & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 179931/2018 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

Date : 15-11-2019 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK BHUSHAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.R. SHAH

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Charanjit Singh Bakshi, Adv.
Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Adv.
Neeraj Singh, Adv.
Mr. Firoz Saifi, Adv.
Ms. Shalu Sharma, AOR

For Respondent(s) Mr. Anant K. Vatsya, Adv.
Mr. Shiv Kumar, Adv.
Mr. Devendra Singh, AOR

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

Leave granted.

The criminal appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order.

Pending application, if any, stands disposed of.

(MEENAKSHI KOHLI)
COURT MASTER

(RENU KAPOOR)
COURT MASTER

[Signed order is placed on the file]