

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.16 OF 2020

[@ Special Leave to Appeal (CrI.) No(s). 7448/2015]

SANJAY GUPTA

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

SIDHARTH MANHAS

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

This appeal has been filed against the order dated 21.11.2014 by which the application filed by the applicant under Section 561-A of the Code of Criminal Procedure has been rejected. A private complaint was filed against three persons i.e. the appellant, Editor in Chief of newspaper 'Dainik Jagran' and two others namely Abhimanu Sharma, Editor Dainik Jagran (J&K circle), Jagran Publication Ltd., SIDCO Complex, Jammu and Arun Jamwal, SHO, Police Station, Katra.

Learned counsel for the appellant has brought on record order dated 23.02.2016 passed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Additional Munsiff, Jammu by which the offence under Section 500, Ranbir Penal Code (RPC) has been compounded against accused Nos. 2 and 3.

In the order dated 23.02.2016, the statement of the complainant has been recorded by the Court that "Complainant has submitted that he has no grievance against accused No.1 also".

In above view of the matter, we are of the view that there is no necessity to enter into merits of the case. A complaint having

already been compounded against accused Nos. 2 and 3 and the statement of the complainant recorded in the order, the complaint stands quashed against the appellant.

The criminal appeal stands disposed of.

.....J.  
[ASHOK BHUSHAN]

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

NEW DELHI;  
January 7, 2020.

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Cr1.) No(s). 7448/2015

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 21-11-2014  
in CRMA No. 174/2012 passed by the High Court Of J & K At Jammu)

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Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

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(WITH INTERIM RELIEF and IA No. 136575/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE  
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 07-01-2020 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Birendra Kumar Mishra, AOR

For Respondent(s)

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

The criminal appeal stands disposed of in terms of the signed  
order.

Pending application stands disposed of.

(MEENAKSHI KOHLI)  
COURT MASTER

(RENU KAPOOR)  
COURT MASTER

[Signed order is placed on the file]