


MHNS210004862023 	SCC 236 / 2023 State V/s. Steven Sunil Ahire & Anr.
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ORDER

(Below Exh. 1)

- 1] This is the Summons case on police report alleging offence punishable u/s 12(a) of the Maharashtra Prohibition of Gambling Act.
- 2] Perused record. It appears that, the final report came to be filed on 10/08/2023 and accordingly, the summons was issued to the accused. The accused appeared and plea particulars came to read over on 10/06/2025. Since then the case has been for prosecution evidence and accordingly, witness summons were issued time and again. But, the prosecution failed to examine the witnesses and take step for the purpose.
- 3] Today also, the prosecution failed to take step. This show that the prosecution is not interested to proceed with the case reason best known to them. In circumstances, in my opinion the present case is a fit case where the court should exercise its power u/s 258 of Cr.P.C and stop the proceedings qua offence 12(a) of the Maharashtra Prohibition of Gambling Act. as continuing with trial will not only be wastage of State money rather it will also be wastage of judicial time. Thus, this

is the fit case to dispose of in today's special drive. Hence the order.

ORDER

- 1 The proceeding is stopped and accused are acquitted vide section 258 of Cr.P.C.
2. The seized cash Rs. 3,720/- be credited to the State, mobile make Samsung and Vivo be hand over to the owner or lawful possessor as the case may be after due identification and receipt and if the owners are not traced out despite due efforts, it be auction and proceeds be credited to the State and rest articles being worthless be disposed of as per provisions of section 452 of the Cr.P.C.

Date- 10.03.2026

Sd/--
Judicial Magistrate F.C.,
City Court, Manmad.

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I affirm that, the contents of this PDF are same words for words, as per the original judgment.

Name of Jr Clerk : Shri. S.A. Pathan, Jr Clerk

Name of Court : Railway Court, Manmad

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