

MHNS210005002019 	SCC 317 / 2019 State V/s. Santosh Shrikant Agrawal
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ORDER

(Below Exh. 1)

1] This is the case otherwise than on police report alleging offence punishable u/s 26(2)(i) r/w 27(3)(e), 3(1)(zz)(i),(v) and 30(2)(a) r/w 26(2)(iv) of The Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

2] Perused record. It appears that, the final report came to be filed on 16/07/2019 and accordingly, the summons was issued to the accused. The accused appeared and charge came to be framed on 01/10/2019. Since then the case has been for prosecution evidence and accordingly, witness summons were issued time and again. But, the prosecution succeeded to examine only a panch witness (PW1) at Exh.15, who completely turned hostile to the prosecution.

3] It is to note that the case is old one, pending since more than 5 years and the Hon'ble Parent High Court has issued several directions to this Court to dispose of old cases expeditiously on priority basis. But, the prosecution has not taken any effective step with a view to proceed with the case as stated above. Today also, the complaint is absent and the prosecution failed to take step. These show that the

prosecution is not interested to proceed with the case. In circumstances, in my opinion the present case is a fit case where the court should exercise its power u/s 256 of Cr.P.C 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 complaint is dismissed and the accused is acquitted vide section 256 of Cr.P.C.
- 2] The bail bonds of the accused stand canceled.
- 3] The proceeding is closed.

Date- 10.03.2026

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

Certificate

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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