

**IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, KALNA,
DISTRICT: PURBA BARDHAMAN.**

Present: Smt. Suparna Roy (III).
Learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Kalna, Purba Bardhaman.
J.O Code- WB01118

G.R Case No. 1543 of 2018

(CNR No. WBBB-0726-2019

(Reg. No. GR/55/2020)

(Arising out of Kalna P.S case no. 627 of 2018 dated 07.12.2018)

Charge under sections 448/323/504/506/188/34 of I.P.C.

STATE OF WEST BENGAL

VERSUS

1. Sadhan Santra.
2. Bidhan Santra.
3. Anima Santra.
4. Madan Santra.
5. Subho Santra.

Date of Delivery of Judgment : 07.03.2026

J U D G M E N T

The prosecution case started on the basis of the written complaint lodged by the victim namely, Raju Patra before Kalna Police Station. It has been alleged by the defacto complainant that on 26.08.2018 at about 10.30 p.m. The above-mentioned accused persons assaulted defacto complainant with fist and blows and threatened her with filthy languages. Then the de facto complainant lodged this case.

On the basis of the aforesaid written complaint Kalna P.S case no. 627 of 2018 dated 07.12.2018 charge under sections 448/323/504/506/188/34 of I.P.C was started against the FIR named accused persons. On completion of investigation, the concerned

D/C by me.

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investigating officer (I.O) submitted the charge sheet under sections 448/323/504/506/188/34 of I.P.C_against the accused persons.

The Court of Ld A.C.J.M, Kalna proceeded for trial after supplying copy to the accused persons.

Charge was framed against the accused persons under sections 448/323/504/506/188/34 of I.P.C. The contents of charges were read over and explained to the accused persons who pleaded not guilty and claimed to be tried. Hence this trial.

Defence did not adduce any evidence. However, from the statements of the accused persons u/s 351 of BNSS and the trend of cross-examination of the prosecution witnesses, it appears that the defence case is that of denial of the prosecution case and plea of innocence.

Points for determination:-

1. Whether the accused persons have committed the offence punishable under sections 448/323/504/506/188/34 of I.P.C ?
2. Whether the prosecution has been able to prove its case beyond all shadow of reasonable doubt?

EVIDENCE ON RECORD:-

PW-1 : Padmarani Patra.

DECISION WITH REASONS

Time has come to pave through the materials on record to fathom out as to how far the prosecution has been able to bring home its case against the present accused persons.

Point No. 1 & 2 :-

I take up the opportunity to discuss both the points as they are closely related with each other.

In order to bring home the charges against the accused persons, the prosecution must prove its case beyond a shadow of reasonable doubt.

Now let me go through the evidence of witnesses examined by the prosecution.

P.W.-1, Padmarani Patra, sister in law of the defacto complainant of this case, Ayesa Bibi deposed that in the year 2018 one day, one dispute cropped up between her and the accused persons. She further stated that the matter has been settled amicably between them and she does not have any grievance against the accused persons.

The settled principle of Criminal Law is that if the prosecution wants to prove the fact, the same must be proved by leading evidence which must be reliable-trustworthy and conclusively proves the guilt of the accused persons. But in this case, I cannot hold that the evidence laid conclusively establishes the guilt of the accused persons.

There is a significant difference between the words “may be true” and “must be true”. Suspicion, however strong can never replace the place of proof. The way from may be true to must be true shall have to be paved out by the prosecution with cogent and reliable evidence. In this instant case, such evidence is not forthcoming from the end of the prosecution. Accordingly, this being the situation it is my considered view that the accused persons should get benefit of doubt.

From the evidence of prosecution witnesses nothing has transpired which can direct the arrow of suspicion to the present accused persons. The key witnesses of the Prosecution have not supported the case. Therefore, after giving a serious cogitation to the materials on record, this Court can safely come to the conclusion that the prosecution has miserably failed to prove its case against the accused persons. Therefore, the accused persons deserve to be acquitted from this case.

In result, the prosecution fails.

Hence, it is,

ORDERED

that the accused persons named above are found not guilty of the offence punishable under sections 448/323/504/506/188/34 of I.P.C and they are **acquitted u/s 278(1) of BNSS.**

The accused persons be discharged from bail bonds and be set at liberty forthwith.

The sureties are discharged as well.

The seized alat, if any, be destroyed after the appeal period.

NOTE : THE FAMILY OF THE VICTIM IN THIS CASE SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO PREFER AN APPEAL, THEY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AVAIL FREE LEGAL AID AND ASSISTANCE THROUGH KALNA SDSLC TO PREFER AND PROSECUTE SUCH APPEAL.

NOTE : LET A COPY OF THIS JUDGMENT OF ACQUITTAL BE FORWARDED TO THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE AND SECRETARY, DLSA, PURBA BURDWAN FOR DUE INTIMATION TO THE VICTIM.

NOTE : Details of the de facto complainant of this case is as follows :-

Name of the de facto complainant :Raju Patra.

Son of : Naranyan Patra.

Village : Pindira. P.S. : Kalna. District : Purba Bardhaman.

Dictated and Correct by me.

A.C.J.M Kalna.

(SUPARNA ROY-III)
Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate
Kalna Purba Bardhaman.
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