



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3578]

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY NINETH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K SURESH REDDY
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN**

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO: 389/2016

Between:

ACHANTA VENKATA RATNAM @ CHINBA PEDA KAPU, S/O.
LATE SRI SITARAMAIAH, COOLIE, R/O. KUMPATLAVARI
MERAKA, B.SAVARAM - 533242 RAZOLE MANDAL,
E.G.DISTRICT.

...APPELLANT

AND

THE STATE OF AP, rep. by the Public Prosecutor, high Court at
Hyderabad - 500066

...RESPONDENT

Counsel for the Appellant:

1.N SIVA REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent:

1.PUBLIC PROSECUTOR (AP)

The Court made the following**JUDGMENT** :- *(Per the Hon'ble Sri Justice K.Suresh Reddy)*

Questioning the conviction and sentence passed by the learned Special Judge for Trial of cases under SCs STs POA Act cum X Additional District and Sessions Judge, East Godavari District at Rajahmundry, dated 30.03.2015 in SC ST SC No 14 of 2014, the accused No.2, filed the present Criminal Appeal under Section 374(2) of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

2. On 15.04.2026, when the appeal was listed for hearing, learned counsel for the appellant represented that the whereabouts of the appellants were not known. By order, dated 27.04.2016 the Combined High Court granted bail to the appellant. Thereafter, the appellant never appeared before the court. Consequently, by order, dated 15.04.2026, this court issuedailable warrants to the appellant.

3. Today, when the appeal is taken up, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor produced written instructions furnished by the Sub-Inspector of Police, Razole Police Station, Dr.BR Ambedkar Konaseema District, stating that the appellant died on 24.12.2016. He also annexed the copy of the appellant's death certificate along with the instructions.

4. In that view of the matter and in view of the death of the sole appellant, the Criminal Appeal is liable to be dismissed as abated.

5. Accordingly, the Criminal Appeal is dismissed as "abated".

Consequently, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

JUSTICE K.SURESH REDDY

JUSTICE CHALLA GUNARANJAN

Dt. 29.04.2026

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(Per Hon'ble Sri Justice K.Suresh Reddy)

Date: 29.04.2026
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