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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRA No. 39 of 2018

Mangra Barla S/o Charwan Barla, Aged About 30 Years R/o Village Barlapada, P. S. Dimakochi, Post Barga Jurli, District Udagudi Assam State , Assam

... Appellant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Police Station Ganj Raipur District Raipur Chhattisgarh, Chhattisgarh

... Respondent(s)

For Appellant : Mr. C.R. Sahu, Advocate

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Suresh Tandan, Panel Lawyer

Hon'ble Shri Justice Arvind Kumar Verma

Judgment on Board

01/04/2026

1. The appellant has filed the instant appeal under Section 374(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, (henceforth 'the Cr.P.C.') questioning the judgment of conviction and order of sentence



dated 14.12.2017 passed by Special Judge Raipur, District-Raipur, (C.G.) in Special Criminal Case under the NDPS Act No. 626/2015, whereby the appellant has been convicted and sentenced as under :-

<u>Conviction</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
U/s 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act	R.I. for 5 years and fine of Rs. 20,000/-, in default of fine, R.I. for 3 months.

2. When the case is taken up for hearing, learned counsel for the appellant submits that the sentence awarded to the appellant- **Mangra Barla** by the trial Court has already been completed and fine amount has already been deposited. He further submits that the appellant has already been released from jail on 09.06.2020, as such, instant criminal appeal be disposed of accordingly.
3. Learned State Counsel would submit that as per the jail report, the appellant has completed the jail sentence and also sentence in default of payment of fine and has been released from jail on 09.06.2020
4. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of **Suresh Singh and Another v. State of Haryana** reported in **(2007) 13 SCC 518** has held in Paragraph-12 of the said judgment is relevant for the purpose, which is reproduced below for easy reference :-



"12. It appears that thereafter on 22.01.2007, Criminal Miscellaneous Petition No. 1497 was filed wherein it was stated that Devender Singh (Accused 1) had expired. Death certificate was also produced along with the application. It was further stated that Jai Bhagwan (Accused 2), Jai Pal (Accused 4) and Shamsheer Singh (Accused 5) be permitted to withdraw from special leave petition since all the three had already undergone the sentence and special leave on their behalf had become infructuous. The said application was allowed by the Court and the prayer was granted. Thus, out of the six accused only two have remained viz. Suresh Singh, Appellant 1 (Accused 3) and Jagbir Singh, Appellant 2 (Accused No.6)."

5. Since the appellant has already completed his jail sentence and has been released from jail on 09.06.2020, therefore, instant criminal appeal is **disposed of as infructuous** .

Sd/-

(Arvind Kumar Verma)

JUDGE