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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ CRL.A. 148/2016

SHYAM LAL

.....Appellant

Through: None

versus

STATE (GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI)

.....Respondent

Through: Mr.Pradeep Gahalot, APP for State
Mr.Kartik Sharma, Advocate for victim

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ KUMAR OHRI

ORDER

% **17.10.2025**

1. A perusal of the last order would show that the appellant on completion of his substantive and default sentence was released on 24.08.2018, however, there was no appearance on behalf of the appellant, on which, court notice was directed to be issued to the appellant as well as his counsel and the I.O. was also directed to inform the appellant of the pendency of the present appeal. While notice to the learned counsel remains unserved, a status report has been handed over. As per which, when the I.O. visited the last known address of the appellant, he met with the appellant's daughter who stated that her father is not living with them for the last 4 years and does not know whereabouts of her father. The status report is taken on record.

2. Keeping in view the import of the decision in Bani Singh & Ors. v. State of U.P. reported as (1996) 4 SCC 720, the appeal needs to be heard on



merits and accordingly, Ms. Vagisha Kochar, Advocate (Mob. No. 9811126281), is appointed as an *Amicus Curiae* (pro bono) to represent the appellant in the present case. The I.O. shall serve a copy of the appeal paper book on the counsel so appointed.

3. List on 19.11.2025.

MANOJ KUMAR OHRI, J

OCTOBER 17, 2025

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