

Balwan Singh vs. State of H.P. along with connected matters.

Cr. Appeal No. 117 of 2020 a/w Cr. Appeal Nos. 116 and 130 of 2020.

09.01.2024. Present: Mr. Lakshay Thakur, Advocate, for the appellant, in Cr. Appeal No.117 of 2020.

None for the appellant(s) in Cr. Appeal Nos. 116 and 130 of 2020.

Mr. I.N. Mehta, Senior Additional Advocate General with Mr. Navlesh Verma, Ms. Sharmila Patial, Additional Advocate Generals and Mr. J.S.Guleria, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondent-State.

Cr. Appeal Nos. 116 and 130 of 2020.

On 12.12.2023, the Court passed the following order:

“Let record of High Power Committee that was constituted in compliance to the directions passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Suo Moto Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1/2020- in Re: Contagion of Covid-19 Virus, whereby the convicts Amit Jha and Tarsem Singh, have been ordered to be released on 90 days special parole, be produced on the next date of hearing.

In the meanwhile, the District Magistrate Koraput, Odisha is directed to inform the Court regarding initiation of steps taken for forfeiture of surety amount of Rs. Two Lacs. Surety Gupteswar Rana, son of Lochan Rana, resident of Village Panasput, Post Office Nabadeiput, Police Station Koraput, Odisha is directed to remain present before this Court on the next date of hearing and information to this effect is directed to be supplied by the Registry of this Court alongwith copy of order to the District Magistrate as also the Superintendent of Police Koraput, Odisha.

List on 02.01.2024.”

As regards the forfeiture of the surety-amount in connection with parole release of the appellant in Criminal Appeal No.116 of 2020, steps for forfeiture of the surety-amount of Rs.2,00,000/- stand initiated and as a matter of fact an amount of Rs.30,000/- stands deposited by the surety.

As regards the remaining amount, 15 days' time has been afforded to the surety to deposit the same, failing which, the same has been ordered to be recovered as arrears of land revenue.

As regards, the appellant in Criminal Appeal No. 130 of 2020, the respondent-State have placed on record the instructions which go to indicate that the respondents are sincerely making all endeavours to apprehend the appellant, who have jumped over the special parole.

In the given facts and circumstances of the case, we deem it appropriate to defer the consideration of these cases by six weeks. Ordered accordingly. List on **12.03.2024** when fresh status report be filed by the Superintendents of Police, Nurpur, Kangra and by the Collector, Koraput, Odisha.

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Delinked.

List for hearing on **12.03.2024.**

(Tarlok Singh Chauhan)
Judge

(Satyen Vaidya)
Judge

January 09, 2024.
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