



**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD**

**CRIMINAL APPEAL No. - 1424 of 1983**

Ram Chandra

.....Appellant(s)

Versus

State of U.P.

.....Respondent(s)

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Counsel for Appellant(s)

: A.K.Sharma

Counsel for Respondent(s)

: A.G.A.

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**Court No. - 80**

**HON'BLE NAND PRABHA SHUKLA, J.**

No one has appeared for the appellant. Learned A.G.A. for the State is present.

The present Criminal Appeal u/s 374(3) Cr.P.C. has been filed against the judgment and order dated 10.06.1983 passed by VI Additional Sessions Judge, Meerut in Sessions Trial No. 173 of 1981 (State Vs. Ram Chandra and another) convicting the accused-appellants and sentencing Ram Chandra to undergo one year's R.I. under Section 452 IPC and five years' R.I. under Section 307 IPC and sentencing Bhagwan Singh to undergo one year's R.I. under Section 452 IPC and 4 years' R.I. under Section 307 read with Section 149 IPC.

The matter pertains to the year 1983.

**Today, the present Criminal Appeal is listed under the category of oldest pending cases in this High Court for priority basis.**

As per the office report dated 28.05.2025, the appellant No. 1 Ram Chandra has been reported to be dead.

Accordingly, the appellant No. 1 has died during the pendency of the appeal, therefore, the appeal against the appellant No. 1 Ram Chandra stands abated.

Further, as per the said report, appellant No. 2 Bhagwan Singh is alive and notice has already been served upon him, but no one has appeared on behalf of the surviving appellant.

Let a fresh notice be issued to the surviving appellant, namely, appellant No.

2 Bhagwan Singh to engage another counsel otherwise Court will proceed to appoint *amicus curiae* to decide the appeal.

List this appeal on 28.11.2025.

In the meantime, learned A.G.A. for the State is directed to obtain custody certificate of the surviving appellant, namely, appellant No. 2 Bhagwan Singh from the concerned jail authority.

**October 31, 2025**  
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**(Nand Prabha Shukla,J.)**