



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 341 OF 2026

AB. AJIJ SK. MEHBOOB & ORS. Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1) As submitted, appellant No.2 (Rafikhan Meheboobkhan) has expired during the pendency of the present appeal. Hence, this appeal stands dismissed as abated *qua* appellant No. 2.

....., J.
[J.K. MAHESHWARI]

....., J.
[ATUL S. CHANDURKAR]

New Delhi;
April 13, 2026.

ITEM NO.46 COURT NO.3 SECTION II-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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**(IA No. 25055/2026 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF and
IA No. 23966/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

Date : 13-04-2026

This matter was called on for hearing today.

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.K. MAHESHWARI
 HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ATUL S. CHANDURKAR**

For Appellant(s) :

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UPON hearing the counsel

**the Court made the following
O R D E R**

- 1) Appeal admitted.
- 2) As submitted, appellant No.2 (Rafikhan Meheboobkhan) has expired during the pendency of the present appeal. Hence, this appeal stands dismissed as abated *qua* appellant No. 2.
- 3) So far as appellant No. 1(AB. Ajij SK. Mehboob) and appellant No. 3(SK. Tayab SK. Munaf) are concerned, they have been reported to be aged 90 years and 74 years.
- 4) It is further stated that total 104 accused were tried and all were acquitted by the trial Court. Appeal was preferred only against 23 accused persons and out of them, three were convicted.
- 5) As indicated, appellant No. 2 has

died. However, looking to the age of appellant Nos. 1 and 3 and all the attending circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, we deem it appropriate to suspend the substantive jail sentence of appellant Nos. 1 and 3, subject to the final outcome of this criminal appeal. The appellant Nos. 1 and 3 be released on bail on such terms and conditions as may be deemed fit and imposed by the trial Court.

(NIDHI AHUJA)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(NAND KISHOR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

[Signed order is placed on the file.]