

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2026  
(@ SLP(CRL.) No.2891/2026)

SHAIK SHARUKH

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. This appeal arises from the order passed by the High Court of Andhra Pradesh dated 21.04.2022 in Criminal Revision Case No.454/2017 by which the Revision Application preferred by the appellant herein (convict) came to be rejected, thereby affirming the judgment and order passed by the Lower Appellate Court in Criminal Appeal No.339/2014, arising from the judgment and order of conviction passed by the Trial Court in Sessions Case No.19/2014.
3. It appears from the materials on record that the appellant was put to trial in the Court of the learned Assistant Sessions Judge, Repalle, Guntur District for the offence punishable under Sections 376 and 417 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 respectively (for short, the IPC).
4. At the end of the trial, the trial Court held the appellant guilty of the alleged crime and sentenced him to undergo

rigorous imprisonment for a term of seven years with fine.

5. Being dissatisfied with the judgment and order of the conviction passed by the trial Court, the appellant preferred Criminal Appeal No.339/2014 in the Court of XI<sup>th</sup> Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tenali Guntur District. The appeal came to be dismissed vide judgment and order dated 14.02.2017.
6. In view of the aforesaid, the appellant went before the High Court by preferring Revision Application. The Revision Application also came to be rejected. In such circumstances, the appellant is here before this Court with the present appeal.
7. We heard Mr. Venkateswara Rao Anumolu, the learned counsel appearing for the appellant, and Ms. Prerna Singh, the learned counsel appearing for the State.
8. At the outset, we take notice of the fact, as is apparent, from the impugned order itself that none was present on behalf of the parties. In other words, there was no representation. The High Court proceeded to look into the records and proceedings on its own and proceeded to reject the revision petition.
9. In view of the aforesaid, we set aside the impugned order passed by the High Court and remit the matter to the High Court for fresh hearing of the Criminal Revision Case No.454/2017. If the appellant before us is unable to engage a lawyer for himself, then, in such circumstances, the High

Court shall appoint an Amicus Curiae and seek assistance on behalf of the appellant. The State should also appear and assist the High Court.

10. Let the Criminal Revision Application be heard at the earliest and the same be disposed of within a period of two months from today.

11. With the aforesaid, this appeal stands disposed of.

12. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.  
[J.B. PARDIWALA]

.....J.  
[K.V. VISWANATHAN]

NEW DELHI;  
8<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2026

ITEM NO.34

COURT NO.7

SECTION II

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (CrI.) No(s). 2891/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 21-04-2022 in CRRC No. 454/2017 passed by the High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Amravati]

SHAIK SHARUKH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

[ TO BE TAKEN UP TOP OF THE BOARD. ]

IA No. 41452/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 08-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Venkateswara Rao Anumolu, AOR  
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For Respondent(s) Ms. Prerna Singh, Adv.  
Mr. Guntur Pramod Kumar, AOR  
Ms. Vanshika Singh, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeal stands disposed of in terms of the signed order.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(SWETA BALODI)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed order is placed on the file)