

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.433 OF 2003

VISHWESHWARA BHAT & ORS. ..APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, HIGH COURT  
OF KARNATAKA AND ORS. ..RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.586 OF 2003

R. POORNIMA & ORS. ..APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, HIGH COURT  
OF KARNATAKA AND ORS. ..RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.698 OF 2004

VISHWESHWARA BHAT & ORS. ..APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, HIGH COURT  
OF KARNATAKA AND ORS. ..RESPONDENT(S)

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Ramana Venkata Ganti

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.699 OF 2003

Date: 2015.08.24

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Reason:

H.S. BALARAM & ORS. ..APPELLANT(S)

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VERSUS

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL AND ORS. ..RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.700 OF 2004

H.S. BALARAM & ORS. ..APPELLANT(S)  
VERSUS  
THE REGISTRAR GENERAL ..RESPONDENT(S)

WITH  
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.701 OF 2004

R. POORNIMA & ORS. ..APPELLANT(S)  
VERSUS  
THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, HIGH COURT  
OF KARNATAKA AND ORS. ..RESPONDENT(S)

AND WITH  
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.703 OF 2004

SHANTANU DATTA & ORS. ..APPELLANT(S)  
VERSUS  
THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, HIGH COURT  
OF KARNATAKA ND ORS. ..RESPONDENT(S)

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O R D E R

1. These appeals are directed against the common judgment and order passed by the Full Bench of the High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore dated 17.3.2003 in Contempt of Court Case (Crl.) being CCC (Crl.) No.80 of 2002 where, I, (H.L. Dattu, J. as I then was) was one of the Judges with T.S. Thakur, J. and V.G. Sabhahit, J., who heard and decided the matter.

2. In the above scenario, I posed a query to the respective learned senior counsels appearing in the matters, whether they have any objection in relation to my dealing with the Criminal Appeals listed before us today.

3. The respective learned senior counsels, in one voice, would say that they have no objection whatsoever in my dealing with the Criminal Appeals listed before us

today. Therefore, the matters were taken up for further orders.

4. Shri Anil Divan, learned senior counsel appearing for the appellants states as under:

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"The appellants never intended to report anything which would scandalize or affect the dignity or honour of the High Court."

5. Placing the aforesaid statement on record, we dispose of these Criminal Appeals.

6. However, the larger question of law involved in these appeals is kept open to be agitated in an appropriate case.

7. In view of the orders passed by us, the matters pending before the High Court are also disposed of.

Ordered accordingly.

.....CJI.  
(H.L. DATTU)

.....J.  
(ARUN MISHRA)

.....J.  
(AMITAVA ROY)

NEW DELHI,  
AUGUST 19, 2015.

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ITEM NO.3

COURT NO.1

SECTION IIB

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

Criminal Appeal No(s). 433/2003

VISHWESHWARA BHAT & ORS.

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

R.G., HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

WITH CrI.A. No. 586/2003

With CrI.A. No. 698/2004

With Crl.A. No. 699/2004

With Crl.A. No. 701/2004

With Crl.A. No. 703/2004

With Crl.A. No. 700/2004

Date : 19/08/2015 These appeals were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MISHRA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMITAVA ROY

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Mr.R.C.Kohli, Adv.

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

The appeals are disposed of, in terms of the signed  
order.

(G.V.Ramana)  
AR-cum-PS  
(Signed order is placed on the file)

(Vinod Kulvi)  
Asstt.Registrar