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 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. 349 of 2001@@
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 (Arising out of S.L.P. (Crl.) No. 1653 of 2000)

P.S. Sreekantadatta ..Appellant
 Vs.
 Employees State Insurance Corporation ..Respondent

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Leave granted.
 Appellant has been convicted under Section 85(e) read with Section 85-A of the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948 (the 'Act' for short). He has been sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of two months and a fine of Rs. 5,000/-. The conviction was made by the High Court in reversal of an order of acquittal passed by the trial court. This appeal is in challenge of the said conviction and sentence passed on him.

It is unnecessary for us to consider the sustainability of the conviction and sentence from any legalistic point of view. The Employees State Insurance Corporation has introduce a scheme called "Amnesty Scheme for@
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 withdrawal of Criminal Cases Against the Insured Persons and@@
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 Employees filed under Sections 84 and 85 of the ESI Act,@
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 respectively". The said scheme was introduced on 1.02.2000@
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 which was applicable to persons against whom prosecution was
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For Petitioner (s) Mr. UR Lalit, Sr. Adv.
Mr. P.R. Ramasesh, Adv.

For Respondent (s) Mr. Vijay K. Mehta, Adv.

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
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Leave granted.
Appeal is disposed of in terms of the signed order.

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(N.K. Goel) (H.K. Bhatia)
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(Signed order is placed on the file)

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