

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NOS.522-523 OF 2015

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH ETC. ...Appellants

Vs.

DILIP ALIAS DAPU & ORS. ...Respondents

ORDER

1. The State has filed the present appeals impugning the judgment of the High Court<sup>1</sup> in Criminal Appeal No.161 of 2012 and Criminal Reference No.1 of 2012, both dated 28.08.2012. Vide the aforesaid judgment, the High Court had accepted the appeal filed by the respondents and set aside their conviction as awarded by the Trial Court<sup>2</sup>.

2. We have heard learned counsel for the parties at length and have gone through the evidence referred to by them. We find that there is no scope for interference with the well-reasoned judgment of the High Court, especially, when challenge is to the acquittal of the accused. The entire evidence has been discussed in detail by the High Court while coming to the conclusion that the material produced by the prosecution was not sufficient to convict the respondents. The judgment of acquittal cannot be reversed merely because a second view may be possible.

<sup>1</sup> In the High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Principal Seat at Jabalpur.

<sup>2</sup> In Sessions Trial No.74 of 2011 in the Court of First Additional Sessions Judge, Mandla, Madhya Pradesh.

3. The appeals are, accordingly, dismissed.
4. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.
5. Before parting with the order, we wish to add that we were ably assisted by the learned amicus curiae Ms. Preetika Dwivedi, appointed by this Court to espouse the cause of the respondents.

.....J.  
[RAJESH BINDAL]

.....J.  
[MANMOHAN]

NEW DELHI;  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025.

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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STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH ETC.

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

DILIP ALIAS DAPU & ORS.

Respondent(s)

Date : 10-09-2025 These appeals were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN

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For Respondent(s) :

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Mr. Abhisek Mohanty, Adv.

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

The appeals are dismissed in terms of the signed  
order.

Pending application, if any, also stands disposed  
of.

(ANITA MALHOTRA)  
AR-CUM-PS

(AKSHAY KUMAR BHORIA)  
COURT MASTER

(Signed order is placed on the file.)