

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl) No(s).1146-1147/2012

(From the judgement and order dated 03/01/2012 in CrlM No. 232/2012 and CrlA No.S-28-SB of 2012 of the HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH)

DARSHAN SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for bail, exemption from filing O.T., exemption from surrendering, stay and office report)

WITH

SLP(Crl) NOs. 3852-3853 of 2012

(With appln. for bail, permission to file addl. documents and office report)

Date: 16/07/2012 These Petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AFTAB ALAM

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE RANJANA PRAKASH DESAI

For Petitioner(s)

Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Adv.

Mr. Ravinder Kumar, Adv.

Ms. Shalu Sharma, Adv. (NP)

Mr. Sumanth Nookala, Adv.

Mr. Aman Pal, Adv.

for Mr. Nikilesh Ramachandran, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

Mr. Amardeep Gehlot, Adv.

for Ms. Naresh Bakshi, Adv.

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

The petitioners are convicted under Section 489-C of the Penal Code for being in possession of counterfeit currency notes and are sentenced to undergo rigorous

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imprisonment for three years besides fine of `5,000 with the default sentence of three months simple imprisonment. They preferred separate appeals before the Punjab and Haryana High Court, which remain pending. Their prayer for suspension of sentence was, however, refused by the High Court having regard to the seriousness of the offence.

We have no comments to make on the High Court rejecting the petitioners' prayer for suspension of sentence. But, in the circumstances, we deem it fit to request the High Court to hear and finally dispose of the petitioners' appeals to save it from becoming altogether meaningless.

We hope and trust that the High Court shall give priority to the petitioners' appeals and shall hear and finally dispose of the appeals within two months from the date of receipt/production of a certified copy of this order before the High Court.

With the aforesaid observations, the special leave petitions are dismissed.

| (N.S.K. Kamesh)
| Court Master

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