

(For Judgment)

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

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 9728 OF 2003

D. GANESH RAO PATNAIK AND ORS.

Appellant (s)

VERSUS

STATE OF JHARKHAND & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(Heard by : Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Hon'ble G.P. Mathur and P.K. Balasubramanyan, JJ.)

Date: 06/10/2005 This matter was called on for pronouncement of Judgment today.

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.P. Mathur sitting in Court No. 1 pronounced the Judgment of the Bench comprising Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.P. Mathur and Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.K. Balasubramanyan.

The appeal is allowed with costs for the reasons stated in the signed Judgment. The order dated 29.8.2002 passed on the administrative side by the Jharkhand High Court and also the judgment and order dated 1.4.2003, which is the subject-matter of challenge in the present appeal, are hereby set aside. The administrative decision taken by the Patna High Court on 4.9.1996 is restored and the appellants shall be treated as senior to the respondent Nos. 4 to 11.

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(Reportable Signed Judgment is placed on the file)