

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 2024  
SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) No.4982/2024

RAMKUMAR

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant has been convicted for the offences punishable under Sections 307 and 324 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short, 'the IPC').
3. The substantive sentence for the offence punishable under Section 307 of the IPC is of rigorous imprisonment for 7 years and for the offence punishable under Section 324 IPC, it is rigorous imprisonment for two years. The sentences have been ordered to run consecutively.
4. The incident is of the year 1997. The appeal preferred by the appellant-accused remained pending for 24 years. During the pendency of the appeal, he was on bail. As of today, the appellant-accused has undergone actual incarceration for a period of 2 ½ years.
5. After having perused the injuries which are mostly lacerated wounds, we find that in the facts of the case,

substantive sentence of 3 years of rigorous imprisonment for the offence punishable under Section 307 of the IPC, will be adequate punishment.

6. Accordingly, by modifying the impugned judgment and orders, we direct that the appellant shall undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 3 years for the offence punishable under Section 307 of the IPC. The sentence for the offence punishable under Section 324 of the IPC is not disturbed.

7. Further modification which we make is that the sentences for the offences under Sections 307 and 324 of the IPC shall run concurrently.

8. With the above modifications, the appeal is partly allowed.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.  
(ABHAY S. OKA)

.....J.  
(UJJAL BHUYAN)

NEW DELHI;  
29<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2024.

ITEM NO.52

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-A

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

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (CrI.) No. 4982/2024

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 12-07-2022 in CRA No. 1385/1998 passed by the High Court Of M.P Principal Seat At Jabalpur)

RAMKUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 65615/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 29-04-2024 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ABHAY S. OKA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

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

Leave granted.

The appeal is partly allowed in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(KAVITA PAHUJA)  
COURT MASTER (SH)

(AVGV RAMU)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)

[Signed order is placed on the file]