

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Criminal Appeal No(s). 694/2015

RANGE FOREST OFFICER, BELLARY & ANR. Appellant(s)

VERSUS

RAHUL N.BALDOTA & ANR. Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the material on record.

2. The appeal is directed against the order dated 11.11.2011, passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore in Criminal Petition No. 7538/2010 whereby, the High Court has allowed the said petition filed by respondent nos. 1 and 2 seeking quashing of the First Information Report bearing F.O.C. No. 15/2010 dated 19.05.2010.

3. Learned AAG, Mr. Nishant Patil, appearing for the State of Karnataka submits that the F.I.R. was lodged against the respondent nos. 1 and 2 for carrying out illegal mining in the subject area. However, subsequent to the lodging of the F.I.R. on 19.05.2010, CEC Reports dated 03rd February, 2012 and 03.12.2012 were filed, and thereafter this Court on 18.4.2013, passed the final judgment in the case of Samaj Parivartana Samudaya v. State of Kamataka, (2013) 8 SCC 154.

4. The CBI also investigated the matter and no offence was made out against the respondent nos. 1 and 2. The CEC Reports, CBI charge-sheet, and the judgment of this Court in *Samaj Parivartana Samudaya (supra)*, have dealt with the issue of illegal mining.

5. Basing on above, learned counsel appearing for the State submits that the present FIR may not survive.

6. In view of the above, the Criminal Appeal is disposed of as having become infructuous.

7. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

.....J.
(PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA)

.....J.
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

New Delhi
28-08-2025

ITEM NO.110

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SECTION II-E

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
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Date : 28-08-2025 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

For Appellant(s) : Mr. V. N. Raghupathy, AOR

For Respondent(s) : Mr. V. N. Raghupathy, AOR

Mr. Dama Seshadri Naidu, Sr. Adv.
Mr. A. Raghunath, AORUPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. The appeal is disposed of as having become infructuous in terms of the signed order.
2. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

(NISHA KHULBEY)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT(MANOJ KUMAR)
BRANCH OFFICER

(Signed order is placed on the file)