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CrI.A.No. 1330 OF 2003
ITEM No.108

Court No.8

SECTION IIA

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

Criminal Appeal No.1330 of 2003.

SATPAL Appellant (s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA Respondent (s)

(With office report)

Date : 19/02/2004 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE B.N. AGRAWAL
HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE AR. LAKSHMANAN

For Appellant (s)M/s Braj K.Mishra,Randhir Singh,
Aparna Jha,Advs.

For Respondent (s)M/s DP Singh,VK Garg,
(Ms) Avneet Toor,Advs.

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

Heard the parties for some time.

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

The appellant who is in custody is directed to be released forthwith if not required in connection with any other case.

[Naresh Kumar] [Kanwal Singh]
AR-cum-PS Court Master
[Signed order is placed on the file.]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.1330 OF 2003

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APPELLANT (S)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

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RESPONDENT (S)

O R D E R

Heard the parties.

The sole appellant was convicted by the trial court under Section 307, IPC and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of five years. He was further convicted under Sections 325 and 323/149, IPC and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of two years and six months respectively. All the sentences were, however, ordered to run concurrently.

On appeal being preferred, the High Court confirmed the convictions and sentences awarded by the trial court. Hence this appeal by special leave.

Having heard the parties and perused the impugned order, we are of the view that in the facts and circumstances of the case it would be just and expedient to reduce the sentences of imprisonment to the period already undergone as it has been stated that the appellant has remained in jail for a period of more than 16 months. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed in part and while upholding the conviction of the appellant the sentences of imprisonment awarded against him are reduced to the period already undergone.

The appellant who is in custody is directed to be released forthwith if not required in connection with any other case.

.....J.
(B.N. AGRAWAL)

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(Dr.AR. LAKSHMANAN)
New Delhi,
February 19, 2004.