

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).4164/2005

(From the judgement and order dated 07/05/2005 in WP No. 325/2004 of The HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI)

R.N.GUPTA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF JHARKHAND

Respondent(s)

(With office report )

(For final disposal)

Date: 25/08/2006 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.P. SINGH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALTAMAS KABIR

For Petitioner(s)

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

We notice that the case against the petitioner has been pending since 1988. The

prosecution has given a list of 154 witnesses to be examined but only 26 witnesses have so far

been examined. Despite the Order of the High Court, the trial could not be concluded within a

year. Finding itself helpless, the High Court passed an order directing that the trial may be

concluded as expeditiously as possible.

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In cases of this nature, unnecessary hardship is caused to the accused if a trial is not

concluded within reasonable time. However, we cannot ignore the fact that sometimes the

accused is himself responsible for the delay.

However, in the instant case we direct the respondent to conclude the trial within a

period of six months. The Court shall not grant unnecessary adjournments.

Put up this matter after six months. We shall then see what order should be passed in

case the trial is not concluded.

(Sukhbir Paul Kaur)

Court Master

(Vijay Dhawan)

Court Master