

Cr1.A.No. 1293 OF 1998  
ITEM No.111

Court No. 10

SECTION IIA

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

Criminal Appeal No. 1293 of 1998

Prahalad Singh & Ors.

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Appellant (s)

VERSUS

State of M.P.

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Respondent (s)

(With appln.(s) for exemption from filing O.T. and with office report)

Date : 25/03/2004 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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

For Appellant (s) Ms. Rajesh, Adv.

For Respondent (s)Ms. Vibha Datta Makhija, Adv.

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

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

(Shashi Sareen)  
Court Master

(Kanwal Singh)  
Court Master

(Signed order is placed on the file)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
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Heard the parties.

The three appellants were convicted by the trial court under section 306 I.P.C. and each of them was sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of ten years and to pay fine of Rs. 1,000/-, in default to suffer further imprisonment for a period of six months. They were further convicted under section 498-A and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of three years. The sentences were, however, ordered to run concurrently. On appeal being preferred the High Court confirmed the convictions but reduced the sentence under Section 306 from ten years to seven years. Hence this appeal by special leave.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the appellants pressed this appeal on the question of sentence only. It has been stated that appellant no. 2 Dham Singh is husband of the victim lady and he has remained in custody for a period of about five years. So far as the other two accused persons are concerned they have remained in custody for a period of about four months. In the facts and circumstances of the present case we are of the view that ends of justice would be met in case the sentences awarded against the appellant are reduced to the period already undergone.

Accordingly we allow the appeal in part and reduce sentence of imprisonment awarded against the appellants for with the offences, to the period already undergone. The appellants who are on bail are discharged from the liability of bail bonds.

.....J.

(B.N.AGRawal)

.....J.

(Dr.AR. LAKSHMANAN)

NEW DELHI,  
MARCH 25, 2004