

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. 3973/2000

(From the judgement and order dated 20/10/2000 in CRL.APPL.3354/00
IN CRL. A. 332/2000 of The HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY)

JAYANT PANDURANG SHRIGANDHI

Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

Respondent (s)

(With Appln(s). for bail)
(With Office Report)

Date : 02/01/2001 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R.C. LAHOTI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BRIJESH KUMAR

For Petitioner (s) Mr. Sushil Kumar, Sr.adv.
Mr. Uday Umesh Lalit, adv.
Ms. Veena Thaddani, adv.

For Respondent (s) Mr. S.V. Deshpande, adv.

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
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Leave granted.
The appellant is directed to be released on
bail and the appeal is disposed of in terms of the
signed order.

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(Kanchan Jain)
AR-cum-PS

(Prem Prakash)
Court Master

Signed order is placed on the file.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 5 OF 2001@@
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arising out of
SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRL.) NO. 3973 OF 2000@@
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Jayant Pandurang ShrigandhiAppellant

VS.

State of MaharashtraRespondent

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Leave granted.

We have heard learned counsel for the parties. In the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case, where the sample of the medicine 'Amrut Kadha' (for which appellant had a valid licence) was collected and on the basis of the report of the chemical analyser the trial court recorded an order of conviction against which an appeal is pending in the High Court, we consider it appropriate to direct release of the appellant on bail pending disposal of the appeal in the High Court. The appellant is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing a bail bond in the sum of Rs. 10,000/- with two sureties of the like amount to the satisfaction of the Sessions Judge, Solapur. There is, however, no stay insofar as imposition of fine is concerned.

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While granting bail we shall not be understood to have expressed any opinion on the merits of the case.

We request the High Court to dispose of the matter pending in the High Court, both in the earlier case as well as in the present case, expeditiously.

The appeal is disposed of.

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(R. C. LAHOTI)

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(BRIJESH KUMAR)

New Delhi
January 2, 2001.