

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2024  
(arising out of SLP(Crl.) No. 3743 of 2021)

K.J. ABRAR ..... APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKETING ..... RESPONDENT(S)  
COMMITTEE

WITH

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2024  
(arising out of SLP(Crl.) No. 3748/2021)

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2024  
(arising out of SLP(Crl.) No. 3759/2021)

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2024  
(arising out of SLP(Crl.) No. 3768/2021)

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2024  
(arising out of SLP(Crl.) No. 3776/2021)

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2024  
(arising out of SLP(Crl.) No. 3790/2021)

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2024  
(arising out of SLP(Crl.) No. 3812/2021)

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2024  
(arising out of SLP(Crl.) No. 4145/2021)

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2024  
(arising out of SLP(Crl.) No. 3817/2021)

**O R D E R**

Leave granted.

Our attention is drawn to the order dated 22.01.2024 passed in Criminal Appeal no. 399/2024 titled "*NG Vijay v. Agricultural*

*Produce Marketing Committee*”, which is an identical matter.

For the reasons set out in the aforesaid order, and as the High Court, while disposing of the appeal(s) against acquittal did not appoint an *Amicus Curiae* to appear for the respondent therein and the present appellants, we allow the present appeals with an order of remand.

Accordingly, the impugned judgment(s) is set aside with the direction that the High Court will decide the appeals afresh after according opportunity of hearing to the parties.

To cut short delay, the parties shall appear before the High Court on 11.06.2024, when a date of hearing will be fixed.

The appeals are allowed and disposed of in the above terms.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.  
(SANJIV KHANNA)

.....J.  
(DIPANKAR DATTA)

NEW DELHI;  
APRIL 01, 2024.

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 SPetition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 3743/2021

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 04-01-2021 in CRLA No. 1023/2017 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru)

K.J. ABRAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKETING COMMITTEE

Respondent(s)

WITH

SLP(Crl) No. 3748/2021 (II-C)SLP(Crl) No. 3759/2021 (II-C)SLP(Crl) No. 3768/2021 (II-C)SLP(Crl) No. 3776/2021 (II-C)SLP(Crl) No. 3790/2021 (II-C)SLP(Crl) No. 3812/2021 (II-C)SLP(Crl) No. 4145/2021 (II-C)SLP(Crl) No. 3817/2021 (II-C)

Date : 01-04-2024 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV KHANNA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Chinmay Deshpande, Adv.  
Mr. Anirudh Sangneria, AOR

For Respondent(s)  
Dr. Nanda Kishore, AOR

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

Leave granted.

The appeals are allowed and disposed of in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(DEEPAK GUGLANI)  
AR-cum-PS

(R.S. NARAYANAN)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(signed order is placed on the file)