

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 1517 OF 2021

HAIDER ALI KHAN @ BAPAN

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. The learned counsel appearing for the appellant, Haider Ali Khan @ Bapan, states that the Court may consider reducing the sentence awarded under Section 489B of the Indian Penal Code.<sup>1</sup>

2. The appellant, Haider Ali Khan @ Bapan, was convicted for offences punishable under Sections 489A and 489B of the Code. However, the High Court reduced the sentence awarded under Section 489A to the period already undergone and a fine of ₹5,000/-, in default of which he was to suffer simple imprisonment for one year. As far as his sentence under Section 489B of the Code is concerned, the High Court maintained the sentence of rigorous imprisonment for ten years.

3. The offence in question relates to the year 2010. The appellant was found using counterfeit currency - 3 notes of Rs. 100/- and on search, certain other currency, viz., 1 counterfeit note of ₹500/-, 5 counterfeit notes of Rs. 100, 12 counterfeit notes of Rs. 100 bearing the same Sl. No., and 2 counterfeit notes of Rs. 100, bearing the same Sl. No. were found.

<sup>1</sup> For short, "the Code."

4. It is accepted and admitted at the Bar that there is no other case pending against the appellant, Haider Ali Khan @ Bapan.

5. *Vide* order dated 26.11.2021, the appellant Haider Ali Khan @ Bapan, was released on bail. The appellant Haider Ali Khan @ Bapan has suffered incarceration of over five years.

6. In view of the aforesaid facts, we are inclined to reduce the sentence awarded under Section 489B of the Code to the period already undergone. However, the appellant, Haider Ali Khan @ Bapan, shall pay a fine of ₹10,000/- within a period of four weeks from the date of this order, failing which he shall undergo default simple imprisonment for a period of two months.

7. The appeal is partly allowed and disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

Pending applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....CJI.  
(SANJIV KHANNA)

.....J.  
(SANJAY KUMAR)

.....J.  
(K.V. VISWANATHAN)

NEW DELHI;  
JANUARY 23, 2025

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(IA No. 112985/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT)

Date : 23-01-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

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M/S. PLR Chambers and Co., AOR

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

- 1 The appeal is partly allowed and disposed of in terms of signed order.
- 2 Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(RAJNI MUKHI)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(R.S. NARAYANAN)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)