

before the appellate court and has not yet been decided.

In the aforesaid background, the contention of respondent no. 2, P. Yobu, that they had signed the papers on which the agreement to sell was executed for a different purpose - specifically, to obtain a loan from the bank - appears, *ex facie*, far-fetched and untenable.

In the counter affidavit filed before this Court, a new plea has been taken. It is now claimed that the signatures of the wife of respondent no. 2, P. Yobu, on the agreement to sell dated 19.11.2012, are forged. Reliance is placed on the report by a private expert. It is to be noted that this plea has not been taken in the First Information Report² or before any other forum. In our opinion, this plea has been introduced belatedly, merely to check and delay the decision in the present appeal.

Recording the aforesaid, the impugned judgment is set aside and the appeal is allowed.

Consequently, FIR/Crime No. 496/2013 dated 20.06.2013 registered with Police Station - Jeedimetla, District - Ranga Reddy, Telangana, for the offence(s) punishable under Sections 420 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 3(v)(viii)(x) (xv) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, shall be treated as quashed in its entirety.

We clarify that the observations made in this order are for the disposal of the present appeal. Civil appeal filed by respondent No. 2, P. Yobu, before the appellate court will be decided on its own merits.

² For short, "FIR".

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

.....J.
(SANJIV KHANNA)

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(SANJAY KUMAR)

NEW DELHI;
JULY 19, 2024.

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Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 1476/2023

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 18-01-2022 in CRLP No. 13803/2013 passed by the High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad)

M. VENKATESWARA REDDY & ORS. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH (NOW THE STATE OF TELANGANA) & ANR. RESPONDENT(S)

Date : 19-07-2024 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV KHANNA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

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

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed 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)