



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA
PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3368]

WEDNESDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B V L N CHAKRAVARTHI

CRIMINAL APPEAL No: 30/2022

Between:

1. PANDUGAYALA VENKATA NARASIMHULU @ VENKATA NARASIMHAM,, S/O NARASIMHULU, AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS, BALIJA BY CASTE, NATIVE OF YSR KADAPA DISTRICT, NOW RESIDING AT ST COLONY, PAMURU VILLAGE AND MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

...APPELLANT

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, THE STATE OF AP, REP. BY THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, AMARAVATHI.

2. CHEVURI VENKATA RAMANAMMA, W/O. HANUMANATHA RAO, AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS, OCC. COOLIE, R/O. D.NO.4-12, PAMURU VILLAGE AND MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT. RESPONDENT NO.2 IS IMPLEADED AS PER THE COURT ORDER DATED 25.11.2025 IN I.A.NO.1 OF 2025 IN CRL.A.NO.30 OF 2022.

...RESPONDENT(S):

Counsel for the Appellant:

1. KRANTHI KUMAR PASUMARTHI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR (AP)

2. KOTHA LEELA GANESH RAGHAVENDRA

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B.V.L.N.CHAKRAVARTHI
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J U D G M E N T:

This Criminal Appeal U/s.374(2) Cr.P.C. has been filed on behalf of the appellant/Accused to set aside the conviction and judgment dated 11.01.2022 passed in Spl.S.C.No.118 of 2017 on the file of the learned Special Judge for Trial of Offences under SCs/STs(PoA) Act, 1989-cum-VII Additional District & Sessions Judge, Prakasam District at Ongole, for the offence U/secs.354, 323, 506 of Indian Penal Code, 1860, and sections 3(1)(r)(s) and 3(2)(va) of SCs/STs (PoA) Act, 1989.

2. Pending appeal, both parties filed I.A.No.02 of 2025 to permit the defacto-complainant to compromise with the accused in the case. Both parties also filed I.A.No.03 of 2025 to record compromise and to set aside the conviction and judgment passed against the appellant/accused.

3. Heard Sri P.Kranthi Kumar, learned counsel for the appellant and Sri K.L.G.Raghavendra, learned counsel representing for the unofficial respondent No.2 (defacto-complainant). Learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the State is in attendance.

4. Today, when the matter is taken up, the Appellant/accused and the 2nd respondent herein are present before this Court. The appellant and the 2nd respondent produced their respective Aadhaar cards in proof of their identity. Learned counsel for the appellant and the learned counsel for the 2nd respondent have identified both parties in open Court.

5. This Court has questioned 2nd respondent herein/*de facto* complainant with regard to compromise, and she categorically stated to that extent that she has voluntarily entered into compromise with the appellant/Accused. This Court is satisfied with the identification of the parties and voluntariness in arriving at the compromise. In view of the compromise between the parties, I.A.Nos.2 and 3 of 2025 are allowed, and accordingly, the judgment of the trial Court be set aside.

6. In the light of judgment of the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of ***Gian Singh v. State of Punjab & another***¹, compromise is recorded. Therefore, the Criminal Appeal is allowed, and the judgment dated 11.01.2022 passed in Spl.S.C.No.118 of 2017 on the file of the learned Special Judge for Trial of Offences under SCs/STs(PoA) Act, 1989-cum-VII Additional District & Sessions Judge, Prakasam District at Ongole, for the offence U/secs.354, 323, 506 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and sections 3(1)(r)(s) and

¹ 2012 (9) Scale 257

3(2)(va) of SCs/STs (PoA) Act, 1989, against the appellant/Accused is set aside, and the appellant/accused is acquitted for the above offence. The fine amount if any paid by the appellant/accused, shall be refunded to him in accordance with law.

7. Accordingly, Criminal Appeal is allowed.

As a sequel thereto, the Interlacutory applications, if any, pending in this Criminal Appeal shall stand closed.

JUSTICE B.V.L.N.CHAKRAVARTHI.

11.03.2026.

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