

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(S). 548-552 OF 2018  
[ARISING OUT OF SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL)  
NO.3933-3937 OF 2017]

STATE OF KARNATAKA ETC. ETC. ...APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

ASHA PRAVEEN S.M. ETC. ETC. ...RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. We have considered the matter and have heard the learned counsels for the parties.

3. It is our considered view that the High Court, in the facts of the case, ought not to have quashed the criminal proceedings in question. As by virtue of the present order the trial will now commence against the accused respondents we refrain from recording our views for the above conclusion. We make it clear that the trial will now proceed and will be concluded as expeditiously as possible. In the course of the trial all defences that may be open may be raised by the accused persons.

4.           Consequently and in the light of the above, the order of the High Court is set aside and the present appeals are disposed of in the above terms.

....., J.  
(RANJAN GOGOI)

....., J.  
(R. BANUMATHI)

NEW DELHI  
APRIL 13, 2018

ITEM NO.43

COURT NO.3

SECTION II-C

**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(S). 3933-3937/2017**

**(ARISING OUT OF IMPUGNED FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER DATED 16-07-2015 IN CRLP NO. 4645/2012 C/W CRLP NO. 4895/2012, CRLP NO. 4894/2012, CRLP NO. 5083/2012 AND CRLP NO. 3181/2012 PASSED BY THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU)**

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RESPONDENT(S)

**Date : 13-04-2018 These matters were called on for hearing today.**

CORAM :

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RANJAN GOGOI**  
**HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE R. BANUMATHI**

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**Ms. Pankhuri Bhardwaj, Adv.**  
**Mr. Rahat Bansal, Adv.**

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

Leave granted.

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

[VINOD LAKHINA]  
AR-cum-PS

[ASHA SONI]  
BRANCH OFFICER

[SIGNED ORDER IS PLACED ON THE FILE]