

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2025
(@ SLP (Crl.) No(s). 10965/2023)

PARULDEVI AKASH CHAURASIA & ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The facts of this case in a nutshell are that appellant Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 had filed an application for quashing of the FIR and consequential criminal proceedings arising therefrom. The appellant Nos. 2 to 5 had been arraigned as accused for the offences punishable under Sections 376-D, 385, 420 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 37(a) of the Information Technology Act, 2000. Appellant No.1 being the complainant, had also filed an affidavit indicating her intention not to continue prosecuting the complaint. The High Court, vide the impugned order has dismissed the application

and has accordingly directed the investigation of the case to be conducted by an IPS Officer.

3. The affidavit filed by the complainant before the High Court, makes it clear that she is not willing to prosecute the matter and has completely retracted from the earlier statement made by her.
4. We have also been informed that the complainant has since married the appellant No.3 being accused No. 1 and also has a child with him.
5. In such view of the matter, continuing the criminal proceedings would amount to a travesty of justice.
6. Considering the above, we are inclined to set aside the impugned order and quash the criminal proceedings initiated against appellant Nos. 2 to 5.
7. Accordingly, the impugned order is set aside and the proceedings in C.R. No. 676 /2021 stand quashed.
8. The appeal is allowed, on the aforesaid terms.
9. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
[M.M. SUNDRESH]

.....J.
[RAJESH BINDAL]

NEW DELHI;
19th MARCH, 2025

ITEM NO.10

COURT NO.8

SECTION II-A

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). 10965/2023

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 04-07-2023 in CRLA(APL) No. 569/2023 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay]

PARULDEVI AKASH CHAURASIA & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

Respondent(s)

IA No. 195745/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT
IA No. 177291/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT, IA No. 177293/2023 - PERMISSION TO PLACE ADDITIONAL FACTS
AND GROUNDS

Date : 19-03-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Balaji Srinivasan, AOR
Mr. Vishwaditya Sharma, Adv.
Mr. Rohan Dewan, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Aaditya Aniruddha Pande, AOR
Mr. Siddharth Dharmadhikari, Adv.
Mr. Sourav Singh, Adv.

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.

(SWETA BALODI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POONAM VAID)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)