IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

Cr. MMO No. 1263 of 2026
Date of Decision: 6.11.2026.

Sohan Lal ...Petitioner

Versus

Jagdish Kumar and another ...Respondents

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Hon'ble Mr Justice Rakesh Kainthla, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?[1] ***No.***

For the Petitioner	:	Mr. Yudhbir Singh Thakur, Advocate.
For Respondent No.1	:	Ms. Megha Chauhan, Advocate.
For Respondent No.2	:	Mr. Ajit Sharma, Advocate.

Rakesh Kainthla, Judge (Oral)

It has been stated on behalf of respondent No.1/complainant that the matter has been reconciled between the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has produced the receipts dated 6.11.2026, issued by Member Secretary, H.P. Legal Services Authority, Kasumpti, Shimla, regarding the deposit of

[1] Whether reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment? Yes.

₹37,500/- being the 15% of the cheque amount of ₹2,50,000/-, which are taken on record.

3. The record shows that the petitioner/accused was convicted and sentenced by learned Trial Court. The petitioner/accused unsuccessfully challenged his conviction and sentence before learned First Appellate Court and before this Court in Cr. Revision No. 188 of 2025 titled Sohan Lal versus Jagdish Kumar Sharma.

4. The Division Bench of this Court held in ***Chune Ram vs. Brikam Chand, 2025:HHC:38122 decided on 13.11.2025*** that the Court can quash the conviction even after its finalization in criminal revision based on the compromise effected between the parties. This judgment is binding upon this Court.

5. In view of this judgment, the present petition is allowed and the conviction and sentence awarded by the learned Trial Court as affirmed by learned Appellate Court and by this Court in Cr. Revision No. 188 of 2025 titled Sohan Lal versus Jagdish Kumar Sharma are ordered to be quashed.

6. It has been submitted that no money has been deposited before the learned Trial Court, learned Appellate Court

or this Court; therefore, no order is required to be passed regarding the disbursal of the amount by this Court.

7. The petitioner is stated to be in judicial custody and he is presently lodged in Model Central Jail, Kanda, Shimla, H.P. He is ordered to be released forthwith, if not required in any other case. Release warrants be prepared accordingly and the same be sent to the Superintendent, Model Central Jail, Kanda, Shimla, H.P. through FASTER forthwith for necessary compliance.

8. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of, so also the pending miscellaneous application(s), if any.

(Rakesh Kainthla)
Judge

6th November, 2026
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