

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 4079 OF 2025  
(@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO.9085 OF 2025)

RAJESH

APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

RESPONDENT

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant has been convicted for the murder of an adult and a minor child and has been awarded life imprisonment in respect of both the offences. However, the High Court has directed the sentences to run consecutively and not concurrently.
3. The submission of learned counsel for the appellant is that when multiple sentences of life imprisonment are awarded, they have to run concurrently and not consecutively.
4. Learned counsel for the appellant has relied upon the Constitution Bench decision in the case of *"Muthuramalingam and Ors. vs. State Represented by Inspector of Police"* [ (2016) 8 SCC 313 ].

5. In the aforesaid case, this Court in unequal terms has laid down that if multiple sentences of life imprisonment are awarded, the same cannot be directed to run consecutively, they can only run concurrently.

6. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the impugned judgment dated 10.04.2015 passed by the High Court is modified and the sentences awarded to the appellant for life are directed to run concurrently and not consecutively.

7. The appeal is partly allowed. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.  
( PANKAJ MITHAL )

.....J.  
( PRASANNA B. VARALE )

NEW DELHI  
17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2025  
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SECTION II-B

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). 9085/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 10-04-2015 in CRAD No. 1630/2013 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

RAJESH

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

RESPONDENT(S)

(IA No. 143346/2025 - GRANT OF BAIL)

Date : 17-09-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

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Ms. Drishti Saraf, Adv.  
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Mr. Mayur Goyal, Adv.

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

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeal is partly allowed in terms of the signed order. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(Nidhi Mathur)  
Court Master (NSH)

(Geeta Ahuja)  
Assistant Registrar-cum-PS

(Signed Order is placed on the file)