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15.	ICICI Bank v. Municipal Corpn. of Greater Bombay, (2005) 6 SCC 404 [It was held that the decision given by the Apex Court must be read following the context of the statutory provisions which have been interpreted by the competent court. It was also stated that no judgement can be read if it is a statute. Since the law cannot always be static, based on the relevant principles and rules, the Judges must cautiously make use of the precedents in deciding cases]
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	Judgments
1	Judgebir Singh alias Jasbir Singh Samra alias Jasbir and Others vs. National Investigation Agency 2023 SCC OnLine SC 543 JDefault bail under the provisions of Section 167(2) of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 - Offences punishable under Section 120B of the Penal Code, 1860, Sections 17, 18, 18B and 20 respectively of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 and Sections 4 and 5 respectively of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 - (i) Whether an accused is entitled to seek default bail under the provisions of Section 167(2) of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 on the ground that although the chargesheet might have been filed within the statutory time period as prescribed in law yet the chargesheet sans a valid order of sanction passed by a competent authority is no chargesheet in the eye of law and therefore, it is as good as saying that no chargesheet was filed by the investigating agency within the statutory time period as prescribed in law? To put it more succinctly, whether the Court concerned is precluded in any manner for the purpose of Section 167 of the CrPC from taking notice of the chargesheet that might have been filed by the investigating agency in the absence of a valid order of sanction? - (ii) Whether cognizance of the chargesheet is necessary to prevent the accused from seeking default bail or whether mere filing of the chargesheet would suffice for the investigation to be deemed complete? To put it in different words, whether the grant of sanction is contemplated under Section of the 167 CrPC? - (iii) A Special Court may not be in a position to take cognizance on account of failure on the part of the prosecution to obtain sanction to prosecute the accused under the UAPA and the 1908 Act, but does such failure amount to non-compliance with the provisions of Section 167(2) of the CrPC so as to entitle the accused to seek default bail?

The order of sanction passed by the competent authority can be produced and placed on record even after the filing of the chargesheet. It may happen that the inordinate delay in placing the order of sanction before the Special Court may lead to delay in trial because the competent court will not be able to take cognizance of the offence without a valid sanction on record. In such an eventuality, at the most, it may be open for the accused to argue that his right to have a speedy trial could be said to have been infringed thereby violating Article 21 of the Constitution. This may at the most entitle the accused to pray for regular bail on the ground of delay in trial. But the same cannot be a ground to pray for statutory/default bail under the provisions of Section 167(2) of the CrPC.

Once the chargesheet has been filed within the stipulated time, the question of grant of statutory/default bail does not arise. Whether cognizance has been taken or not taken is not relevant for the purpose of compliance of Section 167 of the CrPC. The mere filing of the chargesheet is sufficient. Filing of a chargesheet is sufficient compliance with the provisions of Section 167 of the CrPC and that an accused cannot claim any indefeasible right of being released on statutory/default bail under Section 167(2) of the CrPC on the ground that cognizance has not been taken before the expiry of the statutory time period to file the chargesheet. We once again, reiterate what this Court said in Suresh Kumar Bhikamchand Jain (supra) that grant of sanction is nowhere contemplated under Section 167 of the CrPC. This litigation is an eye opener for the NIA as well as the State investigating agency that if they want to seek extension, they must be careful that such extension is not prayed for at the last moment.]

2 Raj Kumar v. State (NCT of Delhi) 2023 SCC OnLine SC 609

[Section 313 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 - When the Trial Judge prepares questions to be put to the accused under Section 313, before putting the questions to the accused, the Judge can always provide copies of the said questions to the learned Public Prosecutor as well as the learned defence Counsel and seek their assistance for ensuring that every relevant material circumstance appearing against the accused is put to him. When the Judge seeks the assistance of the prosecutor and the defence lawyer, the lawyers must act as the officers of the Court and not as mouthpieces of their respective clients. While recording the statement under Section 313 of CrPC in cases involving a large number of prosecution witnesses, the Judicial Officers will be well advised to take benefit of subsection (5) of Section 313 of CrPC, which will ensure that the chances of committing errors and omissions are minimized.]

3 Mohammed Zubair v. State of NCT of Delhi, 2022 SCC OnLine SC 897 [The 6 FIRs filed in Ghaziabad, Chandauli, Lakhimpur, Sitapur, Hathras have also been transferred from the Uttar Pradesh Police to the Special Cell of the Delhi Police, thereby disbanding the SIT formed by the Director General of Police, Uttar Pradesh on 10 July 2022. If any other related FIR is filed against Zubair then the same will also be transferred to the Special Cell of the Delhi Police and Zubair shall be entitled to the order of interim bail.]

Kanchan Kumari v. State of Bihar and Another 2022 SCC OnLine SC 981 [Section 138 - Anticipatory Bail - Adverse order against third party by High Court in an anticipatory bail proceedings - It is a peremptory direction affecting a third party. The adverse impact of the direction goes to the very livelihood of the appellant. It has also civil consequences for the

	appellant. Such a peremptory direction and that too, without even issuing any notice to the appellant was clearly unjustified.]
5	Jameel Ahmad v. Mohammed Umair Mohammad Haroon & anr. Criminal Appeal No. 230 of 2022 [Grant of bail, though a discretionary order, requires such discretion to be exercised in a judicious manner and on the application of certain settled parameters. The more heinous the crime, the greater the chance of rejection of bail, though the exercise also depends on the factual matrix of the matter]
6	Rajesh Seth v. The State of Chhattisgarh Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).1247/2022; 21-02- 2022 [Indefinite adjournment in a matter relating to anticipatory bail, that too after admitting it, is detrimental to the valuable right of a person - When a person is before the Court and that too in a matter involving personal liberty, least what is expected is for such a person to be given the result one way or the other, based on the merit of his case and not push him to a position of uncertainty or be condemned without being heard, when it matters.]
7	Satender Kumar Antil v. C.B.I, 2022 SCC Online SC 825 ['India needs a Bail Act': Supreme Court asks Centre to consider the suggestion; Grant of bail — Exercise of discretion by court — Guidelines issued therefore based on categorisation of offences made herein: Offences have been categorised and the guidelines have been issued for grant of bail, but without fettering the discretion of the courts concerned and keeping in mind the statutory provisions. Further held, where the accused have not cooperated in the investigation nor appeared before the investigating officers, nor answered summons when the court feels that judicial custody of the accused is necessary for the completion of the trial, where further investigation including a possible recovery is needed, the benefit of the above guidelines cannot be given to such accused. Lastly, held, it is not as if economic offences not covered by Special Acts, are completely taken out of the aforesaid guidelines but do form a different nature of offences. Thus the seriousness of the charge has to be taken into account but simultaneously, the severity of the punishment imposed by the statute would also be a factor.]
8	Manoj Kumar Khokhar v. State of Rajasthan (2022) 3 SCC 501 [Cryptic and casual bail orders without relevant reasons liable to be set aside; "cessante ratione legis cessat ipsa lex" invoked to hold that "reason is the soul of the law, and when the reason of any particular law ceases, so does the law itself"]
9	Sunil Kumar v. State of Bihar, (2022) 3 SCC 245 [Bail: Principles summarized regarding considerations to be balanced while deciding to grant bail.]
10	Deepak Yadav v. State of U.P. and Another, 2022 SCC OnLine SC 672 [It is no doubt true that cancellation of bail cannot be limited to the occurrence of supervening circumstances. This Court certainly has the inherent powers and discretion to cancel the bail of an accused even in the absence of supervening circumstances. Following are the illustrative circumstances where the bail can be cancelled :- a) Where the court granting bail takes into account irrelevant material of substantial nature and not trivial nature while ignoring relevant material on record. b) Where the court granting bail overlooks the influential position of the

	accused in comparison to the victim of abuse or the witnesses especially when there is prima facie misuse of position and power over the victim. c) Where the past criminal record and conduct of the accused is completely ignored while granting bail. d) Where bail has been granted on untenable grounds. e) Where serious discrepancies are found in the order granting bail thereby causing prejudice to justice. f) Where the grant of bail was not appropriate in the first place given the very serious nature of the charges against the accused which disentitles him for bail and thus cannot be justified. g) When the order granting bail is apparently whimsical, capricious and perverse in the facts of the given case.]
11	Mahender Chawla and Others v. Union of India (2019) 14 SCC 615 [The Court held that one of the main reasons for witnesses changing their stance can be the lack of proper protection given by the state, hence a threat to life. Such witnesses are known as hostile witnesses.]
12	P. Ramachandra Rao v. State of Karnataka, (2012) 9 SCC 430 [The Apex Court laid down certain factors to identify whether an accused has been deprived of his Right to Speedy Trial, which includes length of delay, the justification for the delay, the accused assertion of his Right to Speedy Trial, and prejudice caused to the accused by such delay. If nothing is shown and there are no circumstances to raise a presumption that the accused had been prejudiced there will be no justification to quash the conviction on the ground of delayed trial only. The court also laid down certain guidelines and held that the powers conferred under Sections 309, 311 and 258 of the Code of Criminal Procedure shall be exercised by the criminal courts to effectuate the Right to Speedy Trial. To seek appropriate relief and directions, the jurisdiction of the High Court under Section 482 of Cr. P.C. and Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution can be invoked]
13	Rameshwari Devi and Ors. v. Nirmala Devi and Ors., (2011) 8 SCC 249 [The Court provided steps to trial courts in order to curb delay in civil litigation through which the existing system can be drastically changed or improved]
14	Manu Sharma v. State (NCT of Delhi), (2010) 6 SCC 1 [Basic concept behind a fair trial is succinctly explained]
15	Zahira Habibullah Sheikh and ors v. State of Gujarat, (2006) 3 SCC 374 [Each one has an inbuilt right to be dealt with fairly in a criminal trial. Denial of a fair trial is as much injustice to the accused as it is to the victim and to society]
16	Shingara Singh v. State of Haryana, (2003) 12 SCC 758 [When the period of deprivation pending trial becomes unduly long, the fairness assured in Article 21 would receive a jolt and also discussed the impact of delay at the appeal stage]
17	Durga Datta Sharma v. State, 2003 SCC OnLine Gau 153 [The petitioner has been deprived for the constitutional right of getting a speedy trial and that the accused persons had already suffered a lot both mentally and physically during the last 25 years, the Court dropped all charges against the accused]

18	Rajiv Gupta v. State of H.P., (2000) 10 SCC 68 [If the trial of a case for an offence which is punishable with imprisonment up to three years has been pending for more than three years and if the trial is not commenced, then the criminal court is required to discharge and acquit the accused]
19	Abdul Rehman Antulay v. R.S. Nayak, (1992) 1 SCC 225 [Right to a speedy trial under Article 21 is available at all stages namely, the stage of investigation, inquiry, trial, appeal, revision and retrial. The Court laid down detailed guidelines for the speedy trial of an accused in a criminal trial but refused to set a time limit for the conclusion of the trial. The Court held that the nature of the offence and the circumstances may be such that quashing of proceedings may not be in the interest of justice. In such a case it may make an order that the trial may be concluded within a fixed time and reduce the sentence]
20	Sheela Barse v. Union of India, (1986) 3 SCC 596 [If an accused is not tried speedily and his case remains pending before the Magistrate or the Sessions Court for an unreasonable length of time, it is clear that his fundamental Right to Speedy Trial would be violated unless there is some interim order passed by the superior Court or deliberate delay on the part of the accused. The consequence of such a delay would be that the prosecution would be liable to be quashed]
21	State of Maharashtra v. Champalal Punjaji Shah, (1981) 3 SCC 610 [While deciding the question of whether there has been a denial of the right to a speedy trial, the Court is entitled to take into consideration whether the delay was unintentional, caused by overcrowding of the court's docket or understaffing of the prosecutors and whether the accused contributed a fair part to the time taken]
22	Hussainara Khatoon (I) v. Home Secy., State of Bihar, (1980) 1 SCC 81 [The "right to a speedy trial" is a fundamental right implicit in the right of life and personal liberty provided under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution. The court-mandated greater access to bail, more humane living standards and a significant reduction in time from arrest to trial. Speedy trial is of the essence of criminal justice and there can be no doubt that delay in trial by itself constitutes denial of justice. It is interesting to note that in the United States, speedy trial is one of the constitutionally guaranteed rights]
23	Mallikarjun Kodagali v. State of Karnataka, (2019) 2 SCC 752 Parliament also has been proactive in recognising the rights of victims of an offence. One such recognition is through the provisions of Chapter XXI-A CrPC which deals with plea bargaining. Parliament has recognised the rights of a victim to participate in a mutually satisfactory disposition of the case. This is a great leap forward in the recognition of the right of a victim to participate in the proceedings of a non-compoundable case. Similarly, Parliament has amended CrPC introducing the right of appeal to the victim of an offence, in certain circumstances. The present appeals deal with this right incorporated in the proviso to Section 372 CrPC.
24	Jagjeet Singh v Ashish Mishra, 2022 SCC Online SC 453

From investigation till culmination of appeal/revision, victim has right to be heard at every step post the occurrence of an offence. The victims' rights are totally independent, incomparable, and are not accessory or auxiliary to those of the State under the Cr.P.C. The presence of 'State' in the proceedings, therefore, does not tantamount to according a hearing to a 'victim' of the crime. Victims certainly cannot be expected to be sitting on the fence and watching the proceedings from afar, especially when they may have legitimate grievances. It is the solemn duty of a court to deliver justice before the memory of an injustice eclipses.

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