IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NOS. 588-589 OF 2008

[Arising out of SLP(Crl.) Nos.4639-4640/2007]

R. RAVICHANDRAN ... APPELLANT(S)

:VERSUS:

P. SENTHILKUMAR ... RESPONDENT(S)

ORDER

Leave granted.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case and, particularly, in view of the fact that a sum of Rs.4,50,000/- has already been deposited by the appellant, we are of the opinion that the judgment of the Court below should be modified to the extent that the appellant would pay the said amount by way of compensation to the complainant-respondent. We direct accordingly. The sentence imposed on the appellant stands modified to the said extent. Since the amount of compensation of Rs.4,50,000/-, as indicated hereinbefore, has already been deposited by the appellant, no further order need be passed in this regard.

However, it is made clear that the respondent would be entitled to withdraw the said amount.

The appeals are allowed with the aforementioned modification.

.....J (S.B. SINHA)

.....J (LOKESHWAR SINGH PANTA)

NEW DELHI, MARCH 31, 2008.