# Legal Case Summary: Arun vs State of Madhya Pradesh (2025)

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Citation: 2025 INSC 406

Court: Supreme Court of India

Date of Judgment: 27 March 2025

Bench: Justice Sanjay Kumar

## Facts of the Case:

- Mohan Singh was murdered on 06.11.2009. FIR was filed the same evening by his father, Devisingh.  
- Five persons, including Arun, were tried and convicted by the Trial Court in 2013 for murder and other offences.  
- On appeal, the High Court acquitted Abhay Singh but upheld convictions of Arun, Radheshyam, Narendra, and Ramlal.  
- The present appeal is against the High Court’s judgment affirming the convictions.

## Procedural History:

- Trial Court convicted all five accused in Sessions Trial No. 213/2010 and sentenced them to life imprisonment.  
- High Court of Madhya Pradesh acquitted one (Abhay) and upheld convictions of the other four.  
- Arun and others appealed before the Supreme Court.

## Issues before the Court:

1. Whether the prosecution proved the charges beyond reasonable doubt.  
2. Whether the witnesses’ testimonies were credible and corroborated.  
3. Whether the recovery of a firearm and other evidence justified conviction.  
4. Whether procedural delays and inconsistencies vitiated the trial.

## Judgment:

- Supreme Court found major discrepancies in witness timelines and contradictions with FIR.  
- Noted delays in recording statements, inconsistencies in testimonies, and lack of corroboration.  
- Held that the testimonies of family members were exaggerated and unreliable.  
- Recovery of weapon not supported by medical or ballistic evidence.  
- Conviction based on doubtful evidence was held unsustainable.

## Key Legal Findings:

1. FIR did not name all the accused and initial statements contradicted later depositions.  
2. Crucial statements were recorded after unjustifiable delays (up to 17 days).  
3. Medical evidence contradicted prosecution claims of gunshot wound.  
4. Enmity between parties may have led to false implication.  
5. Conviction must rest on trustworthy and consistent evidence, which was lacking.

## Final Decision:

✅ Appeals allowed  
✅ High Court and Trial Court judgments set aside  
✅ All accused acquitted  
✅ Arun, Narendra, Radheshyam, and Ramlal to be released (if not held in other cases)  
✅ Bail bonds discharged; fine amounts refunded