
N. Sridhar Reddy v State of Andhra Pradesh
The Issues
Validity and Recognition of Foreign Divorce
Cambridge County Court UK decree
Irretrievable breakdown of marriage
Recognition under Section 13 CPC
Marriage solemnized under Hindu law in India
Foreign Decree as Bigamy Shield
Failure to dissolve Hindu marriage in India
Criminal liability under Section 494 IPC
Foreign Citizenship & Extraterritoriality
Acquiring British citizenship
Solemnizing second marriage outside India
Exemption claims under Section 4 IPC
Scope of Quashing Powers
Section 482 CrPC inherent powers
Refusal by High Court
Criminal Liability of Relatives & Second Wife
Conspiracy charges against parents
Liability without overt acts or knowledge
The Law
Section 13 CPC
Non-conclusive foreign judgments
Violation of Indian law or natural justice
Section 494 IPC
Penalizes bigamy during subsisting marriage
Section 4 IPC
Extraterritorial operation based on Indian marriage
Precedents on Foreign Decrees
Y. Narasimha Rao precedent
Satya v. Teja Singh precedent
Precedents on Bigamy Conspiracy
S. Nitheen precedent
Sivaraman Nair precedent
What the Court Held
Foreign Decree Unenforceable in India
Violates Section 13 CPC
Ground not recognized under Hindu Marriage Act 1955
Bigamy Proceedings Sustained for Husband
Original Hindu marriage subsisted
Appeal to quash charges dismissed
Citizenship Change Impact
British citizenship defense rejected
Subsisting Indian marriage legal consequences remain
Proceedings Against Parents Quashed
No material or overt act of bigamy
Appeal allowed for parents
Proceedings Against Second Wife Quashed
No evidence of conscious knowledge of first marriage
Appeal allowed for second wife