

IPC S. 498A – Accused Mother in Law – 80 years old – Lenient view – Plea that lenient view be taken looking to the age of the appellant – Trial Court has imposed the sentence of one year R.I. for the offence under Section 498A, however, the punishment could have been upto three years R.I – At the time when the incident occurred in 2006 , the appellant was approximately between 60-65 years – The incident is of the year 2006 – Merely because long time has passed in concluding the trial and/or deciding the appeal by the High Court, is no ground not to impose the punishment and/or to impose the sentence already undergone – However, considering the fact that the incident is of the year 2006 and at present the appellant is reported to be approximately 80 years old, in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, as a mitigating circumstance, we propose to reduce the sentence from one year R.I. to three months R.I. with fine imposed by the Trial Court to be maintained

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