

Radhanath Sugracharji and Another Vs Baidonath Seal Kabiraj

Court: Calcutta High Court

Date of Decision: July 5, 1869

Judgement

Hobhouse, J.

This was a suit for a declaration of right of way over certain lands, the property of the defendants; the plaintiffs claiming to

have that right by a particular line. The first Court held that the plaintiffs had failed to prove their right of way by user over that particular line; but it

held that the plaintiffs had proved generally a right by user to pass over the lands, and therefore gave the plaintiff a decree. The plaintiffs themselves

appealed against this decision as did also the defendants, and the plaintiffs' appeal was on the ground that they had proved their right of user by the

particular line over which they claimed the right.

2. Looking to the whole case before it, the lower appellate Court found as a fact that the plaintiffs had failed to prove their right of user over the

particular line in question, and dismissed the plaintiffs' suit. This finding is not disputed as a good finding of fact on the evidence; but in special

appeal it is said that as the plaintiffs proved their general right by user to pass over the lands, so the first Court's judgment was right and ought to

have been affirmed by the lower appellate Court. Now this was not the plaintiffs' case down below, and on this ground alone we are not quite sure

that we should not be justified in dismissing this special appeal; but in addition to this we think that the lower appellate Court was right in its law in

the case before it. We are in accordance with the dictum of the majority of the Judges in *Goluck Chunder Chowdhry v. Tariny Churn*

Chuckerbutty 4 W.R. 49, that the plaintiffs having set up a particular right of way by a particular route were bound to prove that right, and that if

they failed to do so, they could not succeed in proof of an entirely different right. The special appeal is dismissed with costs.