

# Binayak sentence looks like miscarriage of justice: Amartya

New Delhi: Coming out in support of Binayak Sen, Nobel Laureate economist Amartya Sen said here on Saturday that the life sentence given to the doctor-activist looks like a "miscarriage of justice".

Sen also hoped that the judgement convicting Binayak, who has been awarded life term by a Chhattisgarh court for "sedition" and colluding with Maoists, will not "survive" the challenge made to the higher courts of the country.

The nobel laureate was addressing a gathering after releasing a book *A Doctor to Defend - the Story of Binayak Sen* written by journalist and documentary filmmaker Minnie Vaid.

He referred to the "exemplary" work Binayak did to

reach healthcare to people in rural Chhattisgarh and said the judgement also raises some questions about India's democracy, legal framework and Indian engagement with issue of equity.

It appears that Binayak has been "unjustly convicted" though the matter is "sub-judice" and "we should not second-guess" the courts," Sen said, adding, he hopes that the ruling will

be changed by the High Court or the Supreme Court.

"The charge of passing communication appeared to have been based on second-hand or third-hand material...Even then how the offence of sedition could be made out? There was no indication that he supported or preached violence," he said.

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