

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRR No.1533-2007 (O&M)  
Date of Decision : 01.09.2015**

Surjit ..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana ..... Respondent

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI**

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Present : Mr. Vijay Singh Kalia, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Chetan Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

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1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

**AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)**

This appeal has been filed against the judgment dated 22.02.2005 and order dated 23.02.2005 passed by Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Narwana in criminal case No.298-1/14.11.1998 pertaining to FIR No.79 dated 4.3.1997 of Police Station Uchana, under Sections 279/304-A/427 IPC.

After arguing for some time learned counsel for the petitioner states that he would not press this petition on merits. He further states that the petitioner has been facing the agony of these proceedings for almost two decades and there is some scope of leniency in the sentence after enhancing the fine which can be paid to the LRs of the deceased-Sardari Lal.

Learned Assistant Advocate General has not opposed this prayer.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that since the petitioner has been facing the trial for the last more than 15 years the sentence be reduced to that already undergone.

Learned Assistant Advocate General has argued that in a recent decision in a case titled as “*State of Punjab Vs. Saurabh Bakshi*”, passed in Criminal Appeal No.520 of 2015, decided on 30.03.2015 the Hon'ble Supreme Court has reiterated the seriousness of these offences and therefore it would not be appropriate for this Court to reduce the sentence to that which had already undergone.

Keeping in view the arguments of both the sides, I deem it appropriate to reduce the sentence of the petitioner to 4 months and enhance the fine to Rs.30,000/-. Ordered accordingly. The fine be deposited within 6 months before the trial Court to be paid to the LRs of the deceased-Sardari Lal. In case the fine is not deposited the revision will be liable to be dismissed. The petitioner be arrested to serve out the remaining period of sentence.

Petitions stand disposed of in the above terms.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

( **AJAY TEWARI** )  
**JUDGE**

**01.09.2015**

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