

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRR no. 2447 of 2006 (O&M)

Date of Decision : 13.05.2015

Bikker Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER

Present : None for the petitioner

Mr. P.J.S.Hundal,AAG, Punjab

MAHESH GROVER, J.

The petitioner impugns his conviction and sentence awarded by the Courts below. He has been sentenced to undergo imprisonment for a period of 1 years for violating the provisions of Section 61(i)(c) of the Punjab Excise Act.

Allegations against the petitioner are that he was distilling illicit liquor by means of working still installed in his residential house.

Learned State counsel has produced on record the custody certificate of the petitioner indicating that he has already undergone 9 months imprisonment out of the total substantive sentence of 1 year awarded to him.

There is no representation on behalf of the petitioner. I have perused the material on record. There is no error on merits in the findings recorded by the Courts below, however, considering the fact that alleged incident pertains to year 1999 and proceedings have been pending against the petitioner for last 16 years and by now he is fairly advanced in years, it

is ordered that the sentence of the petitioner is reduced to that of already undergone.

Disposed of in above terms.

May 13, 2015
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(Mahesh Grover)
Judge