

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

CRR No. 2768 of 2014 (O&M)

Date of Decision : 15.01.2015

Avtar Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. R.K.Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.APS Gill, AAG, Punjab.

- i. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
- ii. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
- iii. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

This appeal has been filed against the concurrent conviction of the petitioner under Sections 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC. He was sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of one year under each Section and to pay a fine of Rs.1000/- in default of payment of which he was further ordered to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of 7 days.

On 05.09.2014 the following contention was noticed:-

“ Learned counsel has stated that he would not press this petition on merits but there is some scope for reduction in the sentence.”

Today learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner has undergone the agony of these proceedings for the last almost 14 years. He has already undergone more than six months imprisonment and has no other criminal antecedent. Learned AAG has accepted these facts.

In the circumstances even while maintaining the conviction I reduce the sentence of the petitioner to 8 months.

Petition stands disposed of with the aforesaid modification in sentence.

**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**

January 15, 2014
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