

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRR No. 3837 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of decision : December 04, 2015

Gurpreet Singh,

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab,

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. BS Aulakh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl. AG Punjab

1. **Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers 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 revision petition is directed against the concurrent conviction of the petitioner under Sections 279, 304-A of the IPC.

Brief facts are that on 18.2.2009 at about 2.30 pm, the offending bus being driven by the petitioner rashly and negligently hit Surjit Singh, as a result of which Surjit Singh received multiple injuries and later-on died.

Custody certificate by way of affidavit of Paramjit Singh Sandhu, Superintendent, Central Jail, Jalandhar has been filed. As per the same, the petitioner has undergone 1 month and 26 days of actual sentence out of total sentence of 1 year.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that he does not press this petition on merits but prays that a lenient view may be taken in respect of the sentence awarded to the petitioner, since he has been suffering the agony of these proceedings for the last more than six years. He has placed reliance upon the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in State of Punjab v. Saurabh Bakshi, 2015 RCR (CrI) 495 to contend that therein one person had died, sentence had been reduced to six months.

Learned Additional AG Punjab is not in a position to cite any contrary judgment.

In these circumstances and keeping in view the decision in Saurabh Bakshi's case (supra), even while maintaining the conviction, I reduce the sentence of the petitioner to six months. Petition stands disposed of.

December 04, 2015
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE