

Dharam Singh Petitioner

State of Punjab Respondent

Present:- Mr. A.S. Manaise, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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

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The present revision has been filed against the judgment dated 12.10.2015, passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge (A), Gurdaspur, affirming the judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 30.9.2013, passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Batala, vide which the present petitioner was sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 1 ½ years on each count under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468 IPC, in addition to fine.

At the motion stage, the notice of motion was issued regarding quantum of sentence.

The learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner is now more than 66 years of age. No loss was caused to

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any person. Therefore, lenient view should be taken.

The perusal of the judgment shows that the allegations against the petitioner are that he forged the signatures of his brothers and sisters and prepared a forged and fabricated affidavit to obtain electric connection. The same were produced before the Punjab State Electricity Board and Municipal Committee, Batala. However, there is nothing on file to show that the petitioner was successful in obtaining the said electric connection in his name. Therefore, taking into account the fact that the dispute was between brothers and sisters and that actually the petitioner could not succeed to get electric connection in his name, the sentence of rigorous imprisonment for 1 ½ years passed under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468 IPC on each count is reduced to rigorous imprisonment for 9 months on each count. The remaining part of the sentence is maintained.

With the abovenoted modification, the present revision is dismissed.

(KULDIP SINGH)
JUDGE

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