

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

**Criminal Revision No.1107 of 2015
Date of Decision:-22.08.2017**

Manjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present:- Mr. P.K. Chugh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manish Bansal, DAG, Haryana.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Through the instant revision petition the petitioner has impugned the order dated 18.12.2014 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Fatehabad, whereby on account of compounding the offence, the petitioner was acquitted of the charges framed against him under Section 135 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that while passing the impugned order, the Court has not considered as to how much electricity the petitioner had consumed. The Court was required to deal with the claim of the petitioner minutely.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

The civil liability of the petitioner regarding loss to the Nigam was assessed at Rs.6,32,466/- and the petitioner has already deposited the said amount on 20.9.2013. Therefore, once it is found that the petitioner has already compounded the offence regarding criminal liability by payment of compounding fee vide receipt dated 3.6.2013, which fact has duly been noticed in the order dated 3.6.2014 passed by the Court below, the petitioner cannot be permitted to take a different argument at this stage. Therefore, this Court does not find any illegality in the order under challenge.

Dismissed.

August 22, 2017
Vijay Asija

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No