

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

**CRR No. 198 of 2017(O&M)
Date of decision : 29.09.2017**

Lachhman Khan

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH

Present: Mr. Mohd. Yousaf, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms.Monica Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

1. Whether Reporters of local papers 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?

KULDIP SINGH, J. (Oral)

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioner presses the petition only on the quantum of sentence .

The petitioner was convicted by the Courts below on the ground that he was found carrying 0.12 bore gun which was issued and licensed in the name of co-accused Surinder Pal who was in jail in some other case. The custody certificate shows that the petitioner has already undergone actual sentence of 7 months and 1 day. In this case, it was a licensed weapon which was issued and licensed in favour of Surinder Pal but was being

carried by Lachhman, now the present petitioner. It was otherwise neither an illegal weapon nor it was used for committing any crime. For the said special and adequate reason and seeing the nature of the crime which is alleged against the petitioner, there is a minimum sentence of one year as prescribed under Section 25 of the Arms Act, I deem it appropriate to reduce the sentence awarded to the petitioner from one year to seven months and one day which he has already undergone. Since the petitioner is already on bail, bail bonds and surety bonds stand discharged.

With the above modification in sentence, the petition is dismissed.

(KULDIP SINGH)
JUDGE

September 29, 2017
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No