IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

206 **CRR-1286-2007**

DATE OF DECISION: 26.09.2019

JASWANT SINGH **… Petitioner(s)**

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB **... Respondent(s)**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. A.P. Setia, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. N.K. Banka, DAG, Punjab.

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ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has challenged the judgments and orders of the trial Court and the Appellate Court, whereby he has been convicted under Sections 467, 472 and 420 IPC and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 3 years.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that he is not challenging the conviction of the petitioner and would confine his prayer to reduction in the sentence to the period already undergone by him. He further contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that while he was travelling on the scooter with co-accused Tara Singh, 5 fake rubber stamps, blank RCs and other documents were recovered from them. The sentence of petitioner was suspended till the final disposal of his appeal by order of the coordinate Bench of this Court passed on 21.12.2007. The petitioner is not involved in any other case and after his release from custody in the year 2007, there has been no allegation

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against the petitioner with regard to his conduct. The petitioner is 70 years of age and he is facing criminal proceedings for almost 23 years.

Learned State counsel is not in a position to controvert the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner that there is nothing adverse with regard to his conduct after his release on bail in the year 2007 and he is not involved in any other case.

Heard.

The petitioner is over 70 years of age and facing criminal proceedings for 23 years. He has also undergone total sentence for a period of 8 months and not involved in any other case. There is nothing to suggest that his behavior after his release on bail in the year 2007 was not good. The ends of justice would be met in the event of his sentence being reduced to the period already undergone by him.

Therefore, while maintaining the conviction, his sentence is reduced to the period already undergone by him.

With this modification, the petition stands disposed of.

26.09.2019 **(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)**
SwarnjitS **JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No

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