

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRR-2701-2008 (O & M)

Date of Decision: October 29, 2019

PIRTHIPAL SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. M.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner has challenged the judgments of the Courts below whereby he has been convicted under Sections 467, 468, 465 and 471 IPC and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a maximum period of two years.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that he had forged the application and signatures of officials for promotion. The petitioner had joined service in the year 1993 and the afore-noted application was preferred after a year in service i.e. in February, 1994. The services of the petitioner had been terminated. He also contends that he is not challenging the conviction of the petitioner and would confine his prayer in this petition to reduction in the quantum of sentence to the period already undergone by him. He is not involved in any other case and is the sole bread winner of his family. He is facing the agony of protracted criminal proceedings for over 25 years. He further contends that the petitioner has

rendered valuable services during the peak of militancy in Punjab. He further contends that the petitioner has undergone sentence of imprisonment for over two months.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate which is taken on record. It indicates that the petitioner has undergone total sentence of 02 months and 17 days.

Heard.

The petitioner had been convicted under Sections 467, 468, 465 and 471 IPC and sentenced to undergo imprisonment for a maximum period of two years by the trial Court. The petitioner is facing the agony of protracted criminal proceedings for over 25 years. He was not able to derive any benefit and his services were terminated. He had rendered services during the period of militancy in Punjab. He is not involved in any other case and is the sole bread winner of his family. The petitioner has undergone sentence of 02 months and 17 days.

It would, therefore, be in the interest of justice, if the sentence of the petitioner is reduced to the period already undergone by him.

Consequently, while maintaining the conviction, the sentence of the petitioner is reduced to the period already undergone by him.

With this modification, the petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

October 29, 2019

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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No