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

CRA-S-908-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision : 21.09.2021

Varjinder Singh

...Appellant

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Dr. Payel Mehta, Legal Aid Counsel for the appellant.

(Through Video Conferencing)

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

The present Criminal Appeal has been filed by Varjinder Singh son of Charan Singh against the judgment dated 11.03.2019 vide which he was convicted under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Act, 1985 and was sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 10 years and was also liable to pay a fine of Rs.1,00,000/- and in default of payment of fine, to further undergo simple imprisonment for a period of six months.

As per the office note, against the said judgment, said Varjinder Singh had already preferred an appeal bearing No.CRA-S-797-2020 and vide order dated 17.03.2020, the appeal has been admitted and recovery of fine was also stayed at that stage.

Learned counsel for the appellant has submitted that in fact, this

case has been marked to her through legal aid and thus, she was not aware about the said fact. Be that as it may, the fact and the matter is that the appellant has already filed an appeal which stands admitted.

Accordingly, the present appeal is dismissed with liberty to the appellant and his legal aid counsel to pursue aforesaid appeal bearing CRA-S-797-2020.

It is made clear that the dismissal of the present appeal would not come in the way of the appellant to raise all the pleas available to him in CRA-S-797-2020 against the judgment and order of conviction dated 11.03.2019.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand disposed of in view of the abovesaid order.

21.09.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No