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S. No. 347

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

CRA-S-372-SB of 2006 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 25.04.2025

Sukha Singh

.....Appellant

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- None for the appellant.
Mr. Rajiv K. Takkar, DAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (Oral)

Appellant- Sukha Singh was tried by Ld. Special Court, Amritsar in a case arising out of FIR No.34 dated 08.05.2002 under Section 15 of the NDPS Act registered at Police Station Khemkaran, as he was found in possession of 05 Kg 250 grams of poppy husk. After trial, the appellant was convicted under Section 15 of the NDPS Act vide judgment dated 31.01.2006 by the trial Court and was sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of two years and to pay fine of ₹10,000/- with default sentence of three months' rigorous imprisonment in case of non-payment of fine.

2. Against the abovesaid conviction and sentence, this appeal was filed.

3. Today nobody is appearing on behalf of the appellant. This Court has gone through the impugned judgment of the trial Court and finds that conviction has been recorded after proper appreciation of the evidence on record. This Court does not find any reason so as to interfere in the impugned judgment of conviction and as such, the same is hereby maintained.

4. However as far as the impugned order of sentence is concerned it is noticed that appellant was sentenced for a period of two years rigorous impris



onment and to pay fine of ₹10,000/- with default sentence of three months’ rigorous imprisonment in case of non-payment of fine.

5. The custody certificate placed on record by the respondent-State would reveal that appellant has already undergone total sentence of 03 months and 21 days. Custody certificate further indicates that appellant is involved in one more case i.e. FIR No.153 of 2002 registered under Section 15 of the NDPS Act.

6. In the aforesaid facts and circumstances, it will be in the interest of justice, if the period of imprisonment is reduced to the period already undergone by the appellant, instead of sending him behind bars in the company of hardened criminals.

7. Consequently, the present appeal is partly accepted. By maintaining the impugned judgment against conviction, the order of sentence as passed by the trial Court is modified and the appellant is sentenced to imprisonment for the period already undergone by him. As far as fine is concerned, it will remain same.

8. However, it is made clear that amount of fine, if not paid earlier, shall be deposited before learned Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned, within a period of four weeks from today, failing which the appellant will have to carry out the complete sentence as imposed by the trial Court.

Disposed of.

April 25, 2025
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(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No