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AT CHANDIGARH**

**IOIN-CRA-S-985-SB-2017 in/and
CRA-S-985-SB-2017 (O&M)**

Date of Decision: 23.01.2025

Karamjit Singh @ Kamma

..... Appellant

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: None for the appellant.

Mr. J.S. Arora, DAG, Punjab.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

1. Present appeal has been filed impugning the judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 04.01.2017 passed by learned Judge, Special Court, Fridkot vide which the appellant was convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 10 years and ordered to pay fine of Rs.1,00,000/- and in default of payment of fine, he was to further undergo rigorous imprisonment for two years, for the offence under Section 22 of the NDPS Act.

2. This Court vide order dated 29.01.2018, allowed the applications for suspension of sentence moved by the appellants in a bunch of appeals also including the present appellant and the appellants were allowed to be released on bail by suspending their sentence till the final disposal of the appeals. The said order was challenged by the State of Punjab before Hon'ble Supreme Court by way of filing respective appeals and Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 03.12.2018 passed in SLP(Crl) No.7221-2018 and other petitions, set aside the order passed by this Court and directed the concerned authorities to take the accused- convicts into custody forthwith.

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3. In compliance to the same, re-arrest warrants of convict Karamjit Singh @ Kamma were issued through CJM, Faridkot, who vide letter dated 23.12.2024 disclosed that convict Karamjit Singh @ Kamma has already passed away on 05.02.2024. Copy of death certificate of appellant/convict has also been attached with the said letter.

Under these circumstances, when the appellant/convict has already died on 05.02.2024, no further action in the matter is required. The present appeal is taken on board today itself. The proceedings against the appellant are abetted and the appeal stands disposed of.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)**JUDGE****23.01.2025**

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned :

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No