

CRR-155-2017 (O & M)
Date of decision: 27.03.2025

...PETITIONER

V/S

...RESPONDENT

Present: Mr. B.S. Saroha, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramesh Kumar Ambavta, AAG, Haryana.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. This revision petition has been preferred against the judgment dated 12.01.2017 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Gurgaon, vide which, judgment of conviction dated 09.06.2016 and order on quantum of sentence dated 10.06.2016 passed by learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Gurgaon was upheld, however, the compensation awarded to the complainant was set aside, in case stemming from FIR No.125 dated 30.06.2010 registered under Sections 279/337/338/304-A of IPC at Police Station DLF Phase-I and the petitioner was sentenced as under:

Offence under Section(s)	Sentence
279 IPC	SI for 06 months .
304 IPC	RI for two years .
It was ordered that both the sentences shall run concurrently.	

2. The petitioner was convicted and sentenced vide judgment of conviction dated 09.06.2016 and order of sentence dated 10.06.2016 passed by learned trial Court, which have also been upheld by learned lower Appellate



Court vide judgment dated 12.01.2017.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that he is not assailing the impugned judgment of conviction dated 09.06.2016 on merits and restricts his prayer to modification of the order on quantum of sentence to that of the sentence already undergone by the petitioner. As per his custody certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual period of 01 month and 28 days, out of total sentence of two years, awarded by learned trial Court and is not involved in any other case.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel opposes the prayer of the petitioner as learned trial Court has passed a well-reasoned judgment based on correct appreciation of evidence available on record, which has also been upheld by the learned lower Appellate Court and as such, he does not deserve any leniency.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record with their able assistance.

6. In ***Deo Narain Mandal v. State of UP (2004) 7 SCC 257***, a Three Judge Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court has opined that awarding of sentence is not a mere formality in criminal cases. When a minimum and maximum term is prescribed by the statute with regard to the period of sentence, a discretionary element is vested in the Court. Background of each case, which includes factors like gravity of the offence, manner in which the offence is committed, age of the accused, should be considered while determining the quantum of sentence and this discretion is not to be used arbitrarily or whimsically. After assessing all relevant factors, proper sentence should be awarded bearing in mind the principle of proportionality to ensure



the sentence is neither excessively harsh nor does it come across as lenient.

7. Further, a two Judge Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Ravada Sasikala v. State of AP AIR 2017 SC 1166***, has reiterated that the imposition of sentence also serves a social purpose as it acts as a deterrent by making the accused realise the damage caused not only to the victim but also to the society at large. The law in this regard is well settled that opportunities of reformation must be granted and such discretion is to be exercised by evaluating all attending circumstances of each case by noticing the nature of the crime, the manner in which the crime was committed and the conduct of the accused to strike a balance between the efficacy of law and the chances of reformation of the accused.

8. A perusal of the judgment of conviction passed by the learned trial Court indicates no perversity in its findings and the same is based on correct appreciation of evidence available on record. Moreover, learned counsel for the petitioner has not assailed the judgment of conviction on merits, rather he has restricted his prayer only qua modification of quantum of sentence.

9. The FIR in the present case was lodged on 30.06.2010 and the petitioner has been suffering the agony of trial for the last more than 14 years. Since his conviction, the petitioner has grown into law-abiding citizen and desires to live a peaceful life. As per his custody certificate, the petitioner has undergone a period of 01 month and 28 days, out of total sentence of two years awarded by learned trial Court and he is not involved in any other case.

10. Accordingly, this Court is of the opinion that it would be in the interest of justice, if the sentence awarded to the petitioner is reduced to the



period already undergone by him.

11. Consequently, the present petition is disposed of and the judgment dated 12.01.2017 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Gurgaon affirming the judgment of conviction is upheld, however, the order of sentence dated 10.06.2016 is modified to the extent that the sentence of rigorous imprisonment for two years awarded to the petitioner is reduced to the period of sentence already undergone by him.

12. As far as the amount of compensation is concerned, the learned lower Appellate Court has already directed the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Gurgaon to award a suitable compensation to the injured as well as to the members of family of the deceased on proper inquiry.

13. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stand(s) disposed of.

March 27, 2025
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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

(i)	Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
(ii)	Whether reportable	Yes/No