

**CRA-S-3812-2025 (O&M)****-1-****231 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****CRA-S-3812-2025 (O&M)****Date of decision: 19.12.2025****ANGREJ SINGH****...APPELLANT****VERSUS****STATE OF PUNJAB****...RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

Present: Mr. Arshdeep Singh Brara, Advocate
for the appellant.

Mr. Raj Karan Singh, AAG, Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

1. Present appeal has been filed by the appellant, namely, Angrej Singh against the order dated 15.11.2025 passed by the learned Judge, Special Court, Moga vide which he was convicted in a case bearing FIR No.253, dated 24.12.2017, under Section 22 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Dharamkoki, District Moga and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 01 year and to pay a fine of Rs.10,000/- and in default of payment of fine to further undergo rigorous imprisonment for 15 days under Section 22(b) of NDPS Act.

2. Succinctly the facts of the case are that on 24.12.2017, at about 5:20 p.m., in the area of Village Karyal, the appellant was apprehended by police party headed by ASI Lakhwinder Singh and found to be in conscious possession of 20 strips of Slpz 0.5, each containing 10 tablets (total 200 tablets) with the salt Alprafresh. He failed to produce any licence regarding the conscious possession of the same and thus, the FIR was registered and he was arrested on the spot. The

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and challan was presented. After the trial, the appellant was convicted and sentenced as stated above by the learned trial Court, hence this appeal has been filed by the appellant, challenging his conviction and sentenced.

3. Learned counsel for the appellant has submitted that he does not want to challenge the conviction of appellant on merits but as far as sentence part is concerned, he prays that the same may be reduced to that of already undergone by the appellant. He has submitted that the present case pertains to the year 2017 and the appellant has already undergone the actual sentence of 03 months and 04 days of the total awarded sentence of 01 year by the learned trial Court. He has further submitted that the appellant is not involved in any other case. He has submitted that as such a lenient view be taken and the sentence awarded be reduced to that of already undergone.

4. Custody certificate of the appellant dated 18.12.2025 has been filed by learned State counsel today in the Court and the same is taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the appellant.

5. Learned counsel for the State has opposed the contentions raised by learned counsel for the appellant. He submits that the recovery was duly effected from the appellant. He further submits that the present appeal is liable to be dismissed.

6. Heard.

7. Admittedly the present case pertains to year 2017 and the appellant was convicted and sentenced, as stated above, in the year 2025 and thus he has faced a protracted trial for about 08 years. There is nothing on record to show that during this period, the appellant has indulged in any unlawful activity. A perusal of the custody certificate produced by the learned State counsel shows that the appellant



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8. Keeping in view all the abovesaid factors into consideration, the conviction awarded by the learned trial Court to the appellant is upheld and maintained as the same has not been challenged on merits. As far as the sentence part is concerned, this Court deems it appropriate to reduce the sentence from 01 year to the period already undergone by the appellant.

9. With the above said observations, the appeal stands disposed of. Pending application, if any also stands disposed of.

10. The application bearing CRM-49554-2025 for suspension of sentence has been rendered infructuous as the applicant/appellant has already been released from custody.

19.12.2025
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No