

2026:PHHC:040674



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

401**CRA-S-2497-SB-2011 (O&M)****Date of decision: 16.03.2026**

Gurmail Singh @ Gela

...Appellant

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- None for the appellant.

Dr. (Ms.) Savi Nagpal, AAG Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Challenge in the present criminal appeal is to the judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 15.09.2011 passed by the Judge, Special Court, Sri Muktsar Sahib, whereby the appellant was sentenced under Section 15 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, to undergo RI for a period of 01 year and to pay fine of Rs.5,000/- and in default thereof, to further undergo RI for a period of 01 month.

There is no representation on behalf of the appellant.

Learned State counsel has produced a copy of death certificate dated 19.04.2021, as per which, the sole appellant herein had died on 10.04.2021. She thus submits that the proceedings stand abated qua the appellant.

In view of the above, the present appeal is disposed of as having been abated.

All pending misc. application(s), if any, stand disposed of.

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

16.03.2026*Mangal singh*

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