



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
(228) CRA-AS-65-2022 (O & M)
Date of decision: 18.03.2026

State of U.T., Chandigarh Petitioner
V/s
Hitesh Kamra @ Ginni ...Respondent

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI
Present: Mr. J.S. Toor, Sr. Advocate, with
Mr. Jasbir Singh, Advocate,
for U.T., Chandigarh/appellant.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

The present appeal has been preferred seeking enhancement of sentence imposed upon the respondent-Hitesh Kamra @ Ginni.

2. The brief facts of the case are that the respondent came to be apprehended with 15 grams of heroin. He faced Trial and was convicted and sentenced vide a judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 03.03.2020 as under:-

Offence under Sections	Sentence RI	Fine	RI in default of payment of fine
21(b) of the NDPS Act	36 days	20,000/-	Two Months

3. The instant appeal has been filed seeking enhancement of the sentence imposed upon the convicted-respondent.

4. The learned Senior counsel for the appellant-U.T., Chandigarh contends that the sentence imposed upon the respondent i.e. rigorous



imprisonment for a period of 36 days is very short and inadequate. The recovery from him is of 15 grams of heroin which is an intermediate quantity, the small quantity being more than 05 grams and above and the large quantity being 01 kg. and above. Therefore, the sentence imposed upon the respondent be enhanced.

5. I have heard the learned Senior counsel for the appellant.
6. Admittedly, the respondent is a first-time offender as has been fairly conceded by the learned Senior counsel for the appellant which fact also finds mention in the impugned judgment. He has undergone 37 days of custody.
7. Therefore, I do not deem it appropriate to enhance the sentence imposed upon the appellant in view of the attending facts and circumstances as enumerated above.
8. In view of the above, the present appeal stands dismissed.
9. The pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of accordingly.

March 18, 2026
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(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

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