



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

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CRR-2434-2007

Date of decision: 08.09.2025

Parkash Chand

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present : Mr. Atul Lakhanpal, Sr. Advocate with  
Mr. Raghav Agnihotri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gagandeep Singh Chhina, AAG, Haryana.

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**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.**

1. The instant revision petition has been preferred against the judgement of conviction/order of sentence dated 09.10.2007/11.10.2007 passed by learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kurukshetra, in FIR No.42 dated 20.01.1997 under Sections 420/120-B of the IPC registered at Police Station Sadar Thanesar, convicting and sentencing the petitioner, which judgement was upheld by the learned Sessions Judge, Kurukshetra, on 19.11.2007.

2. The petitioner was sentenced to undergo imprisonment as under : -

Offence(s) under Section	Period of sentence	Fine imposed	Period of sentence in default of payment of fine
420 of the IPC	RI for 5 ½ years	Rs.5,000/-	SI for 06 months

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has, at the very outset, fairly conceded that in view of the concurrent findings of fact recorded



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by the learned Trial Court and learned Appellate Court, she does not intend to assail the conviction of the petitioner on merits. His submission is confined solely to the quantum of sentence. It is urged that the occurrence pertains to the year 1996, and the petitioner has already undergone incarceration for a period of 06 months and 21 days. It is further submitted that the petitioner has endured the ordeal of protracted criminal proceedings, is a peace-loving and law-abiding citizen, and has no other criminal antecedents. On these premises, learned counsel pleads for a lenient view, contending that no useful purpose would be served by subjecting the petitioner to further incarceration.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for reduction of sentence while drawing attention to the concurrent findings recorded against the petitioner, it has been submitted that the conviction calls for no interference. However, the learned State counsel is unable to dispute that subsequent to the occurrence pertains to the year 1996, the petitioner has maintained good conduct and has not been involved in any other criminal activity.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

6. In the considered view of this Court, having regard to the facts enumerated hereinabove, particularly the circumstance that the occurrence pertains to the year 1996, and taking note of the fact—undisputed by the learned State counsel, that the petitioner has not indulged in any other criminal act thereafter and has otherwise been



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leading a disciplined and law-abiding life, it would not be appropriate to send him back to prison at this stage of life, especially when he has already borne the brunt of prolonged trial proceedings.

7. In the totality of circumstances, ends of justice would be adequately met if, while upholding the conviction of the petitioner, his substantive sentence of rigorous imprisonment for a period of 5 ½ years is reduced to the period already undergone i.e. 06 months and 21 days.

8. Ordered accordingly.

9. However the fine imposed is enhanced from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.10,000/- to be deposited with the “Punjab Chief Minister Relief Fund, A/c No.001934001000589, IFSC-TPSC0000019, Punjab State Cooperative Bank” within one month from the date of this order. It is made clear that in the event of non-deposit of the enhanced fine within a period of one month from today, the benefit of reduction of sentence shall not accrue to the petitioner, and he shall be required to undergo the remaining part of the sentence awarded to him.

10. With the aforesaid modification in the quantum of sentence and enhancement of fine, the instant revision petition stands disposed of.

**08.09.2025**

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**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)**

**JUDGE**

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