IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

201

CRR-1409-2005
Date of decision: September 09, 2025

NANU RAM

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Sandeep Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. G.S. Chhina, Sr. DAG, Haryana.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant revision petition has been preferred against the judgment of conviction/order of sentence dated 23.11.2002 passed by learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Karnal, in case FIR No.386 dated 13.08.1994 under Sections 467/468/471 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station City Karnal, District Karnal, convicting and sentencing the petitioner, which judgment was upheld by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Karnal, on 29.07.2005.

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

Offence(s) under Section	Period of sentence	Fine imposed	Period of sentence in default of payment of fine
467 IPC	RI for 3 years	Rs.1,000/-	RI for 2 months
468 IPC	RI for 2 years	Rs.1,000/-	RI for 2 months
471 IPC	RI for 1 year	Rs.500/-	RI for 2 months
420 IPC	RI for 1 year	Rs.500/-	RI for 1 month

2A. All the sentences were ordered to be run concurrently.

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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has, at the very outset, fairly conceded that in view of the concurrent findings recorded by the learned Trial Court and learned Appellate Court, he 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 incident pertains to the year 1994, and the petitioner, who is a 100-years old man, has already undergone incarceration for a period of 7 months and 12 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 of the year 1994, 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.

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6. In the considered view of this Court, having regard to the facts enumerated hereinabove, particularly the circumstance that the incident pertains to the year 1994, 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 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 three years is reduced to the period already undergone i.e. 7 months and 12 days.

8. Ordered accordingly.

9. However, there shall be no modification with regard to the fine imposed.

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

September 09, 2025 **(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)**
Jaspreet Kaur **JUDGE**

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

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