



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRR-1256-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 11.05.2026

ANAND KUMAR

..... Petitioner

Versus

UT OF CHANDIGARH

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. Mukesh Mehra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Arav Gupta, Advocate and
Ms. Ashmeet K. Shah, Advocate
for the respondent-U.T., Chandigarh.

ANOOP CHITKARA, J. (ORAL)

Criminal Complaint before trial Court	PFA No. 31/2021 CNR No. CHCH03-015536-2021 Date of Decision: 12.09.2022 Complaint under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006
Criminal Appeal before Appellate Court	No. 267 of 10.10.2022 CNR No. CHCH01-006750-2022 Date of Decision: 05.05.2026

Convict's name	Penal provision	Sentence
Anand Kumar	63 of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006	R.I. for one month with fine of Rs. 50,000/-

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1. Challenging the impugned judgment dated 05.05.2026 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Chandigarh, in the aforesaid criminal appeal, as well as the judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 12.09.2022 passed by the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chandigarh, whereby the substantive sentence of rigorous imprisonment for six months was reduced to rigorous imprisonment for one month, the petitioner has come up before this Court.

2. Mr. Arav Gupta, Advocate puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent-U.T. Chandigarh and submits that the only question which is open for consideration before this Court is as to what illegality exists in the sentence of 30 days. Counsel for the respondent further submits that the petitioner was originally convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 06 months which was subsequently reduced to 01



month because of his medical condition and that point was duly taken care of by the Sessions Court and now no further change in the medical condition of the petitioner has been pointed out, so as to what any further reduction is required in the sentence.

3. Counsel for the petitioner submits that the condition of the petitioner has deteriorated. It is already on record that he is suffering from various neuro ailments and he has already deposited a sum of Rs. 50,000/- as fine.

4. On a query by this Court, Mr. Arav Gupta, Advocate submits that it was a case where the sweets were being manufactured without licence, but it is not a case where the sweets were found to be adulterated and substantiated. The deterioration of the health is also not seriously disputed. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is taken to hospital for necessary medical treatment.

5. Needless to say, in case the health of the petitioner deteriorates, the Jail Authorities take care of that, but in the entirety of facts and circumstances ends of justice would suffice if by upholding the conviction, the sentence is reduced from 30 days to 15 days.

6. With the aforesaid observations, petition stands disposed of and sentence is reduced from 30 days to 15 days. Surety bonds, if any furnished stands discharged. All pending applications, if any also stand disposed of.

7. It is clarified that in case, the petitioner is not required in custody in any other case, he shall be released from jail in the present case.

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Present application has been filed for suspension of sentence during the pendency of the present revision petition.

Given the order passed in the main petition, no order is required to be passed in this application and the same is disposed of.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

11.05.2026

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<i>Whether speaking/non-speaking:</i>	<i>Speaking</i>
<i>Whether reportable:</i>	<i>No.</i>