



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

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**CRR-1702-2026 (O&M)
Decided on : 17.07.2026**

Amarjit Singh @ Sonu

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Argued by: Ms. Suresha Rani, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)**CRM-28318-2026**

I. Prayer in this criminal miscellaneous application is for condoning the delay of 513 days in filing the present revision petition.

II. Notice of the criminal miscellaneous application.

III. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice. A complete copy of the paper book has been supplied to him by the learned counsel for the applicant.

IV. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and in view of the grounds mentioned in the application, delay of 513 days in filing the revision petition is hereby condoned.

V. CRM stands disposed of.

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1. The present revision petition has been filed by the petitioner aggrieved against the judgment dated 07.11.2024, passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Hoshiarpur (in short 'learned Appellate Court'), in

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case FIR No.186, dated 08.12.2015, under Section 324 of IPC, registered at Police Station Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur, whereby, the judgment and order of sentence dated 18.05.2017 passed by the Court of learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Garhshankar, was upheld.

2. Vide judgment of conviction dated 18.05.2017, accused (petitioner herein), namely, Amarjit Singh @ Sonu, was convicted for committing offence under Section 324 of IPC. Thereafter, vide order of quantum of sentence, the convict was sentenced as under:-

Under Section	Sentence (R.I.)	Fine (in Rs.)	In Default
324 of IPC	01 year	--	S.I. for 01 month

The period of detention already undergone by the convicted was ordered to be set off against the substantive sentence.

3. Appeal filed by the appellant was dismissed by the learned Appellate Court vide judgment dated 07.11.2024. This is how the present Criminal Revision Petition is filed before this Court.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he does not wish to press the instant revision petition on merits and restricts his prayer only to the quantum of sentence. He further submits that the petitioner is a young man aged about 31 years, who wishes to lead a normal life and settle in society. It is submitted that the petitioner has already suffered the agony of protracted criminal proceedings for more than nine years, the FIR having been registered in the year 2015. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner belongs to a poor family and, during the pendency of the present revision petition, has been burdened with several family responsibilities. It is also submitted that the petitioner has neither misused the concession of suspension of sentence during the pendency of the appeal/revision nor is

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there any allegation that he has attempted to evade the process of law. Along with the present revision petition, CRM-28319-2026 has also been filed seeking suspension of sentence during the pendency of the revision petition. Learned counsel, therefore, prays that while maintaining the conviction, a lenient view be taken and the substantive sentence be reduced to the period already undergone.

5. On the other hand, learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate dated 16.07.2026 in Court today, which is taken on record. Office to tag the same at appropriate place.

A copy thereof has been handed over to the counsel for the petitioner.

6. As per custody certificate filed by learned State counsel, petitioner has already remained inside jail for a period of about 03 months and 15 days (including remission), i.e., w.e.f. 31.03.2026 to 16.07.2026.

7. Learned State counsel submits that he has no objection to the restricted prayer made on behalf of the petitioner, so long as the conviction recorded by the Courts below is maintained. Upon a specific query put by the Court, learned State counsel submits that, as per the custody certificate, the petitioner has undergone incarceration for a period of 03 months and 15 days (including remission), out of the substantive sentence of 01 year awarded under Section 324 of the IPC.

Learned State counsel, however, points out that the petitioner is also involved in certain other criminal cases. He, however, fairly submits that in most of those cases, either the petitioner has already been granted bail or has already undergone the sentence awarded therein.

8. Heard.



9. Keeping in view the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, particularly the restricted prayer made on behalf of the petitioner, the fact that the petitioner has not challenged his conviction and confines his prayer only to the quantum of sentence, his young age, the fact that he has remained facing criminal proceedings for more than nine years, and the overall facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the considered view that the ends of justice would be adequately met if, while maintaining the conviction of the petitioner under Section 324 IPC, the substantive sentence awarded to him is reduced to the period already undergone. Ordered accordingly.

Petitioner be released forthwith, if his further detention is not required in any other case, subject to his depositing the fine amount, if not already deposited.

10. With the aforesaid modifications in the quantum of sentence dated 18.05.2017, the instant revision petition stands **disposed of**.

Pending misc. application(s), if any, also stand(s) disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

July 17, 2026

J.Ram

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>