



Uphaar tragedy: SC sentences Gopal Ansal to one-year jail term

New Delhi, Feb. 9, 2017 -- In a majority verdict, the Supreme Court (SC) on Thursday sentenced Uphaar cinema owner Gopal Ansal to one-year imprisonment in relation to the tragic fire that broke out at the cinema that killed several people in 1997. Reviewing the 2015 judgment partially, justices Kurian Joseph and Ranjan Gogoi agreed on Gopal Ansal's imprisonment and directed him to surrender within a period of four weeks. Justice Adarsh Goel under his dissent, did not wish to review the earlier order.

Ansal brothers knock on SC door to reopen Uphaar Cinema premises



New Delhi, Nov. 7, 2017 -- The Ansal brothers moved the Supreme Court on Monday seeking the court's nod to reopen the Uphaar Cinema premises. Fifty-nine people, trapped in the balcony of the Uphaar theatre in south Delhi, had died...

After fire tragedy, Rs 160-crore Uphaar cinema lies sealed



India, Feb. 9, 2017 -- Uphaar cinema, that saw a fire ravage through it in June 1997 killing 59 people and injuring more than 100, was constructed on a piece of land measuring about 2,480 square yards at a prime location in Green Park in 1973.

OPINIONS

Delhi Uphaar tragedy: Victims' kin say SC order brings little relief



India, Feb. 9, 2017 -- Shekhar Krishnamoorthy, who lost his two children in Uphaar cinema fire nearly 20 years ago, expressed dissatisfaction over the Supreme Court judgment on Thursday.

Though the court ordered real estate baron Gopal Ansal to serve one year in jail and surrender within four weeks to serve the remaining term, his brother and Sushil Ansal was awarded a term that he has already served, including the remission, in the case.

"We are very disappointed. There is no difference between the latest judgment and the verdict in 2015. The court has let off Sushil on the basis of his aging and medical condition. It is unacceptable. We know how many aged criminals have been languishing in jail for years. Why such relief was granted to him? This is an accused friendly system," he said.

Powerful people kill and walk away after paying money: Krishnamoorthy on SC Uphaar verdict



New Delhi, Feb. 9, 2017 -- Association of the Victims of Uphaar Tragedy (AVUT) convener N. Krishnamoorthy on Thursday criticised the Supreme Court's verdict in Uphaar cinema tragedy case saying that the rich and powerful have special...

Uphaar cinema verdict: Families of fire tragedy victims say 'justice' eludes them



India, Feb. 9, 2017 -- The kin of victims who perished during the Uphaar cinema hall fire said they were unhappy and disillusioned with the Supreme Court's Thursday judgment sending city-based builder

Gopal Ansal, 69, to a year in prison. Gopal's brother Sushil Ansal, 77, was however, given a reprieve in consideration of his old age.

This couple never quits: Neelam, Shekhar Krishnamoorthy fight for Uphaar victims



India, Feb. 10, 2017 -- Twenty long years ago, a young mother was excitedly planning to send her 17-year-old daughter to college. The world was hers to conquer and with her mother by her side, she was getting ready to spread her wings and fly. That day, 20 years ago, 17-year-old...

HIGHLIGHTS

Kejriwal assures support to Uphaar tragedy victim



New Delhi, Aug. 21, 2015 -- Association of Victims of Uphaar Tragedy (AVUT) convener Neelam Krishnamoorthy, who met Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal regarding the Supreme Court's ruling on the case, said on Friday that the latter has...

Won't leave India before Uphaar hearing, Ansal brothers assure Supreme Court



New Delhi, Dec. 5, 2016 -- Business barons Sushil and Gopal Ansal on Monday assured the Supreme Court that they won't leave the country until the petitions filed by the Association of Victims of Uphaar Tragedy (AVUT) would be heard.

IN THE PAST

▶ SC agrees to review Uphaar theatre fire case

New Delhi, Jan. 9, 2016 -- The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to reconsider its August 2015 decision to not impose a jail term on the Ansal brothers for a 1997 fire at a New Delhi movie hall owned by them...

▶ CBI says will study Supreme Court order on Uphaar case

New Delhi, Aug. 21, 2015 -- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has reportedly said that it will study the Supreme Court's latest order on the Uphaar Cinema fire case. The All India Radio quoted official sources...

▶ Uphaar tragedy: SC fines Ansal brothers Rs.60 crores and lets them off

New Delhi, Aug. 19, 2015 -- The Supreme Court on Wednesday let off Ansal brothers in connection with their role in the Uphaar fire tragedy case, but asked them to pay a fine of Rs. 60 crores. The ruling means that there will not be any jail term for Gopal and Sushil Ansal.

▶ Uphaar tragedy: Judgements like this will increase crimes, says Neelam Katara

New Delhi, Aug. 19, 2015 -- Neelam Katara on Wednesday criticized the judgment of the Supreme Court with regard to the Uphaar tragedy, saying this will lead to more crimes being committed. "It's a sad day for this country because judgments like this may lead to an enhancement of crime," said Neelam...

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