

# Man sentenced to life for raping 5-year-old, fined Rs 2 lakh

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A MAN, convicted of raping a five-year-old girl, was sentenced for life by the Chandigarh district court on Thursday. On Wednesday, Rajesh (35) was held guilty by Additional District and Sessions Judge Poonam R Joshi under sections 363 (kidnapping), 366 (kidnapping, abducting or inducing woman to compel her marriage, etc) of the Indian Penal Code and Section 6 of the POCSO Act. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 2.25 lakh on the convict.

The incident occurred on December 25, 2017, when the girl's father had complained to the police about the accused who raped her on the pretext of offering her biscuit. On the day of the incident, the five-year-old girl was playing outside her house. This was around 9:30 am. However, she returned



**Convict Rajesh who has been sentenced to life term**

home crying after some time. When her father asked her why she was crying, she said a person by the name of Rajesh had taken her to his home offering her a biscuit. Then, Rajesh took her to his room and raped her.

The victim's father informed the police immediately. The police came and took the victim to Government Multi Specialty

Hospital (GMSH) Sector 16, Chandigarh, where doctors confirmed that she had been sexually assaulted.

Acting on the complaint and based on the medical report, police registered a case against Rajesh under Section 376 (rape) of Indian Penal Code and the POCSO Act and arrested Rajesh from Mauli Jagran.

