



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPCR No. 590 of 2025

TO MONITOR AND SUPERVISE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
REMISSION AND PREMATURE RELEASE POLICIES **versus** THE
STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Order Sheet

09/12/2025	This is an office reference. Mr.Yashwant Singh Thakur, learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondents/State. Return has been filed by the respondents/State. Operative portion reads as under:- “2. It is most humbly submitted by the answering respondents that in compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order passed in Suo Moto Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 04/2021 with SLP(Cr) No. 529/2021, the answering respondents vide notification

dated 23.04.2025 has already amended the Rule 358 of the Chhattisgarh Prisons Rules, 1968. Copy of Notification dated 23.04.2025 15 filed herewith as **ANNEXURE R/1**.

3. It is most humbly submitted that as per the amended provision of Rule 358 of the Chhattisgarh Prisons Rules, 1968, State Sentence Review Board has been constituted for consideration of premature release of prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for life.

4. It is respectfully submitted on that after constitution of the Committee, two meetings of the have been held on 19.11.2025. Copy of letters dated 06.10.2025 and 11.11.2025 regarding meetings of the Committee are filed herewith as **ANNEXURE R/2** collectively. Copy of Minutes of the meetings dated 24.10.2025 and 19.11.2025 are filed herewith as **ANNEXURE R/3** collectively.”

From perusal of the return, it transpires that in compliance with the Hon’ble Supreme Court’s order in Suo Motu Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 04/2021 and SLP (Crl.) No. 529/2021, Rule 358 of the Chhattisgarh

Prisons Rules, 1968, has been amended vide Notification dated 23.04.2025. Pursuant to the amended rule, the State Sentence Review Board has been constituted to consider premature release of prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for life and after its constitution, two meetings of the Committee have been held on 24.10.2025 and 19.11.2025 for consideration of the matters relating to remission of prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondents/State states that in first meeting, 17 cases have been considered and in second meeting, 28 cases have been considered by the Committee.

Let a fresh affidavit be filed by the Senior Law Officer, Headquarters, Prisons and Correctional Services, Nawa Raipur, Raipur (C.G.), by the next date of hearing, giving the status of all matters pending for remission.

Let the matter be listed for further monitoring on **27.01.2026.**

The Registrar General of this Court is directed to inform the Apex Court of the progress of the present WPCR before 20.01.2026, the date on which the matter is listed before the Apex Court.

Sd/-

(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge

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(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

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