



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 & Others

Order Sheet

15/04/2026	This is an office reference. Heard Mr. Praveen Das, learned Additional Advocate General, appearing for the State. Learned State counsel submits that this Court, vide order dated 11.03.2026, had directed the Senior Law Officer, Head Quarter Prison & Correction Services, Nawa Raipur (C.G.) to file personal affidavit. In compliance thereof, Senior Law Officer has filed his personal affidavit on 10.04.2026.

The relevant portion of the aforesaid affidavit reads as under:

“4. That, with respect to the aforesaid directions, the deponent herein respectfully places on record the comparative chart showing the details of the cases for premature release before the Sentence Review Board under Rule 358 of the Chhattisgarh Jail Rules, 1968 and under Section 473 of B.N.S.S. for remission. The tabulation charts are collectively annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE A-1 (colly.)**, for kind perusal and appreciation by the Hon'ble Court. The chart would disclose on various details the number of cases placed before the Sentence Review Board, the cases recommended as well as those not recommended and the number of cases upon which the State Government has taken decision.

5. Rule It is respectfully submitted that as many as 170 cases were placed before the Sentence Review Board under Section 358 of the Chhattisgarh Jail Rules, 1968 up to its meeting from 24/10/2025 to 05/03/2026, and the same have been duly considered and disposed of. It is further respectfully submitted

that from December, 2025 till 10/04/2026, a total of 32 cases pertaining to grant of remission under Section 473 of the B.N.S.S. have also been duly disposed of.

6. It is also submitted that, another meeting was convened on 23/03/2026 to consider 26 cases for premature release and the Board has given recommendation in all the 26 cases in form 'C' as per the relevant rules and forwarded the same before the State Government for further consideration.

7. It is respectfully submitted that, another meeting has been convened on 09/04/2026 recently, wherein 22 cases for premature release were duly considered. However, the proceedings are going on with respect to forwarding the recommendation to the State Government in prescribed form.”

Upon perusal of the aforesaid affidavit, it is evident that although a substantial number of cases, i.e., 170 cases under Rule 358 of the Chhattisgarh Jail Rules, 1968 and 32 cases under Section 473 of the B.N.S.S., have been considered and disposed of, the process does not appear to have attained

finality inasmuch as the recommendations made by the Sentence Review Board are yet to be acted upon by the State Government in a time-bound manner.

It further transpires that recommendations in 26 cases considered in the meeting dated 23.03.2026 have already been forwarded to the State Government, whereas in respect of 22 cases considered in the meeting dated 09.04.2026, the process of forwarding recommendations is still underway. Such delay in forwarding as well as in taking final decisions defeats the very object of premature release and remission, which require prompt and meaningful consideration.

In view of the aforesaid, this Court directs the State Government to ensure that all recommendations made by the Sentence Review Board are processed and final decisions thereon are taken expeditiously, strictly within a reasonable and time-bound framework.

The Senior Law Officer, Head Quarter Prison & Correction Services, Nawa Raipur (C.G.) is directed to file a further personal affidavit on or before the next date of hearing, clearly indicating the status of all recommendations forwarded to the State Government, the stage of consideration in each case, the time likely to be taken for final decision, and the concrete steps taken to ensure that recommendations of the Sentence Review Board are processed and decided in a prompt, time-bound and effective manner without any avoidable delay.

List the matter before this Court in the **month of July, 2026** for further monitoring and compliance.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice