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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(CRL) 1702/2025**
SURENDER KUMAR

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sarthak Magoon with Ms. Tanvi,
Advocates.

versus

STATE (GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI)

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Amol Sinha, ASC with Mr.
Kshitiz Garg, Mr. Ashvini Kumar, Mr.
Rahul Kochar, Ms. Chavi Lazarus,
Mr. Nitish Dhawan, Advocates.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER
29.04.2026

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1. During the course of proceeding, a status report has been furnished by the learned Additional Standing Counsel (Crl.) for the State.
2. The same is taken on record and copy thereof has been supplied to Mr. Maggon, learned Counsel for the petitioner.
3. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that the petitioner is already on furlough and has been also put in Open Jail.
4. Mr. Maggon, however, submits that the petitioner is already having an employment opportunity with *Balhara Builders Pvt. Ltd.* in terms of their communication dated 04.12.2025. However, the petitioner is being made to

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work within the Tihar premises i.e. Tihar Haat. He submits that purpose of Open Jail gets frustrated as his abovesaid job opportunity has not been considered by the Jail Authority.

5. Learned Additional Standing Counsel (Crl.) for the State submits that the abovesaid proposal would be duly considered by the Competent Authority and appropriate decision would be taken within 10 days.

6. Mr. Maggon, learned counsel for the petitioner states that in view of the abovesaid assurance given by the learned Additional Standing Counsel (Crl.) for the State, he would not press for any further relief in the matter. He, however, seeks liberty to approach this Court again, in case, no decision is taken with respect to the abovesaid employment opportunity or if adverse decision is taken.

7. The applications stand disposed of, as not pressed.

8. Liberty, as prayed, is granted.

9. A copy of this order be sent to Superintendent Jail for information and due compliance.

10. The Competent Authority shall also communicate their decision to the petitioner and his counsel on his email id: -sarthak.maggon@smlawoffices.in

MANOJ JAIN, J

APRIL 29, 2026/sw/sa