



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2026:PHHC:059822

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(156)

CRWP-9155-2025

Mukesh

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondent(s)

Decided on : 21.04.2026

Date of uploading: 21.04.2026

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Lajpat Rai Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Gurmeet Singh, AAG, Haryana.

Sumeet Goel, J. (Oral):

1. The substantive prayer made in the instant petition reads thus:

“i) To issue a writ in the nature of Certiorari for setting aside the impugned order dated 18.02.2025 (Annexure P-7) passed by respondent no.3, vide which the case of petitioner for premature release has been rejected, in an illegal and arbitrary manner.

ii). It is further prayed that to direction to the respondents to consider the case of petitioner for consideration for premature release as per Premature Release Policy dated 13.08.2008 (Annexure P-2) and also keeping in view the fact that his all co-accuseds have already been released and case of the petitioner is duly covered with his co-accuseds, expeditiously and in accordance with law.”

2. During the course of hearing, learned State counsel has filed short reply by way of affidavit of Chief Probation Officer, O/o the Director General of Prisons, Haryana, relevant whereof reads thus:

“6. That it is submitted that the petitioner is going to complete his requisite 14 years actual sentence and 20 years total sentence as on 30.06.2026 to become eligible for consideration of his case for premature release as per clause (b) of the Premature Release Policy dated 13.08.2008 and hence, the case for premature release of the



petitioner has been initiated by the Superintendent, District Jail, Panipat, vide letter No. 3651 dated 07.04.2026 to the office of respondent No. 2. After scrutiny of record, the case of premature release of the petitioner has been prepared and will be placed before the State Level Committee for necessary deliberations in its forthcoming meeting alongwith all the due cases of eligible life convicts for the quarter ending from 01.04.2026 to 30.06.2026 (2 quarter), which is likely to be held before 30.06:2026.”

3. Having perused the above short reply, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petition in hand be disposed of by directing the concerned State Authorities to take a ratiocinated decision upon the plea of the petitioner, as stated in paragraph No.6(*supra*).

4. Ordered accordingly.

5. It is expected that the concerned State Authorities shall decide the application of the petitioner, in accordance with law, at the earliest as possible.

April 21, 2026
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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No