

WPPIL No. 91 of 2019

Hon'ble Ravi Malimath, A.C.J.

Hon'ble Ravindra Maithani, J.

Shri J.S. Virk, learned amicus curiae, for the petitioner.

Shri K.N. Joshi, learned deputy advocate general for the State.

Shri K.N. Joshi, learned deputy advocate general appearing for the State, on instructions, submits that the Committee formed in order to look into these issues, at large, will hold its meeting on 21.10.2020. He further submits that the Home Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand is on leave and, in his place, the Additional Chief Secretary, will be placed. It is his further submission that the Committee will hold its deliberations in terms of the Government Order dated 21.06.2017 and all the cases, where a request has been made from those who are in custody, will be considered.

To this, we direct the Committee to consider all the 274 cases wherein the persons are in custody beyond the period of 14 years. The Committee need not wait for a written request from any of the convicts. The Committee is at liberty to consider the case of each one of these persons on the basis of the Government Order dated 21.06.2017, in its meeting to be held on 21.10.2020.

Shri K.N. Joshi, learned deputy advocate general, undertakes to furnish the entire case papers including the list of 274 persons and all the documents which the Committee requires.

Registry is directed to furnish a certified copy of this order to the learned counsels for the parties, today itself, on payment of the prescribed charges.

(Ravindra Maithani, J.)

**(Ravi Malimath)
ACJ**

19.10.2020

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