IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Writ Petition No.1812 of 2015
Date of Decision:-31.3.2016

Rakesh Kumar @ Billa

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. *Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
2. *To be referred to reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sultan Singh Gill, Deputy A.G., Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for issuance of direction to the respondents to release the petitioner in terms of policy dated 8.7.1991 for remission of sentence of life imprisonment issued by the State of Punjab.

On 3.2.2016, this Court has passed the following order :-

> "Learned counsel for the State submits that as per the affidavit produced on record, the case of the petitioner for premature release is under

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consideration. He prays for short adjournment to apprise the Court the outcome of the said case.

Adjourned to 31.03.2016."

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Kartar Singh states that the case of the petitioner for premature release is still under consideration.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Admittedly, the case of the petitioner for his premature release is under consideration and the respondents were required to apprise this Court about the decision taken in the case of the petitioner for his premature release but this Court has not been informed about the decision.

Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to take final decision on the case of the petitioner for his premature release within three months from today.

March 31, 2016 **(HARI PAL VERMA)**
Vijay Asija **JUDGE**

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