

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

Criminal Writ Petition No.101 of 2016(O&M)

Date of decision: 31.03.2016

Sanjay and others

----Petitioner (s)

V/s

State of Haryana and others

-----Respondent(s)

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. Ramesh Kumar Dhiman, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Manish Bansal, DAG, Haryana.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India read with Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents for grant of pre-mature release of the petitioners from District Prison, Gurgaon, as they have already undergone more than 14 years of actual sentence.

Reply on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 4 by way of affidavit of Jagjit Singh, Inspector General of Prisons, Haryana, has already been filed.

Learned counsel for the State, while referring to para No.2 of the preliminary submissions of the said reply, submits that

the petitioners have completed their requisite sentences, as per policy dated 12.04.2002 and, therefore, their cases for grant of pre-mature release are required to be considered. He further submits that the pre-mature release cases of the petitioners falls under para 2 (b) of the policy dated 12.04.2002, which was prevalent at the time of their conviction and as per the same, the cases for grant of pre-mature release of the petitioners have been prepared for placing before the State Level Committee for its consideration. The meeting of the State Level Committee is going to be held shortly of course, subject to the convenience of the Chief Minister being Jail Minister and Chairman of the State Level Committee. He also submits that the respondents shall consider the case for grant of pre-mature release of the petitioners, as early as possible, in any case within two months from today.

In view of the aforesaid developments in the present case, the prayer of the petitioners stands satisfied.

Accordingly, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to expedite the case for grant of pre-mature release of the petitioners and to take an appropriate decision thereon within two months from today.

31.03.2016

Anjal

**[HARI PAL VERMA]
JUDGE**