

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No. 219 of 2016
DECIDED ON: April 21, 2016

LABH SINGH

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & OTHERS

....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

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

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

JASPAL SINGH, J (ORAL)

Reply by way of short affidavit of Sh. Om Parkash Pulani, Under Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Home (Jail) on behalf of respondent No.1 has been filed in Court today and the same is taken on record.

2. Undoubtedly, the petitioner was convicted and sentenced in FIR No.56, dated 03.03.2001, under Sections 302, 323, 324, 326, 148 and 149 IPC, Police Station Kotwali, Barnala by the Id. Additional Sessions Judge, Barnala on March 30, 2005 and sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life besides imposition of fine to the tune of ₹28,000/- and in default of fine, to further undergo rigorous imprisonment for a

period of 4 years and 6 months.

3. An appeal challenging his conviction and sentence dated March 30, 2005 has already been dismissed by this Court vide judgment dated March 11, 2008. Subsequent thereto, the petitioner filed a petition for his pre-mature release. The proceeding for premature release of the petitioner has already been initiated under premature release policy dated April 04, 2013 and now, the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab can be said to be seisin of the matter as the final decision is to be taken by the Hon'ble Governor, in the matter.

4. The instant petition is disposed of with the direction to the concerned authorities to decide the matter on priority basis.

April 21, 2016
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JUDGE