

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

Criminal Writ Petition No.342 of 2016

Date of Decision:-22.3.2016

Sheikh Fariq

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana 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. Hoshiair Singh Jaswal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Petitioner Sheikh Fariq s/o Shri Sheikh Magan, resident of Village Roshanpur, District Maganpur (Bihar) has filed the present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking direction to respondents No.1 and 2 to consider the claim of the petitioner as projected in his application dated 10.8.2015 (Annexure P-3) for his premature release.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has undergone more than 16 years imprisonment and his case falls within the policy dated 12.4.2002, which was in force

at the time of his conviction i.e. on 28.1.2003.

He further states that at this stage the petitioner would be satisfied in case respondents No.1 and 2 are directed to take a decision on his application dated 10.8.2015 (Annexure P-3) in the light of the policy dated 12.4.2002.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Manish Bansal, Deputy A.G., Haryana accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to hand over requisite number of copies of paper book to learned State counsel during the course of the day.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents No.1 and 2 to take a decision on the application submitted by the petitioner dated 10.8.2015 (Annexure P-3) preferably within a period of three months from today.

March 22, 2016
Vijay Asija

(**HARI PAL VERMA**)
JUDGE