

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

Criminal Writ Petition No.445 of 2016

Decided on:-17.05.2016

ParvatiPetitioner

Versus

State of Haryana & othersRespondents

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:- None for the petitioner.

Ms.Shaveta Sanghi, AAG, Haryana, for the State.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant petition, filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of a direction to the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner for premature release, which was recommended by the Superintendent District Jail, Jhajjar, vide letter dated 05.12.2015.

As per the averments made in the petition, the petitioner has completed more than required 08 years of actual sentence and more than 10 years of total sentence including remission, as on 16.03.2016 and the case of the petitioner is required to be considered, as per the provisions contained in para

2(c) of the Premature Release Policy dated 04.02.1993, which is prevalent at the time of her conviction.

On notice of motion having been issued, learned counsel for the State has filed reply on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, by way of affidavit of Dy. Superintendent, District Jail, Jhajjar along with Annexure R-1 (Superintendent, District Jail Jhajjar letter No.10927 dated 05.12.2015). The same are taken on record.

Learned counsel for the State, while referring para 3 of the reply, submits that the petitioner is entitled to be released prematurely, as per the provisions contained in para 2(c) of the Premature Release Policy dated 04.02.1993, which is prevalent at the time of her conviction. She further submits that as per the said policy, the premature release case of the petitioner/convict has already been sent to the Director General of Prisons, Haryana, Panchkula, for placing before the State Level Committee for consideration and the meeting of the State Level Committee is going to be convened shortly. She also submits that the case of the petitioner for premature release is expected to be considered by the State Level Committee within three months.

Heard.

In view of the reply as well as considering the stand taken by respondents, present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent-authorities to convene a meeting of State Level Committee and to consider and decide the case of the

petitioner for premature release within three months from today, in
accordance with Premature Release Policy dated 04.02.1993.

May 17, 2016
Anjal

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE