

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

CRWP-8322-2020

Date of decision : 14.10.2020

PARDEEP

.....Petitioner

Vs.

THE STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Mr. Vikram Punia, Advocate for the petitioner.

ALKA SARIN, J. (ORAL)

Heard through Video Conferencing.

The present criminal writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for extension of special parole granted to the petitioner due to COVID-19 as well as for issuing a direction to the respondents to pass a final order on the pre-mature release case of the petitioner pending since 05.05.2020.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the prayer regarding interim/extension of parole has since been rendered infructuous in view of the fact that the High Powered Committee has since extended the parole. Hence, he does not press the said prayer.

Qua the relief regarding the direction to pass a final order on the pre-mature release case of the petitioner which is pending since 05.05.2020, learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that as per Annexure P-1, which is the letter received under RTI by the petitioner, the pre-mature release case of the petitioner was sent to the Director General of Prisons on 05.05.2020. He further contends that the same ought to have been decided within a reasonable time.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Dimple Jain, AAG Haryana has put in appearance through video conferencing (VC) and accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1-State. A copy of the petition has already been supplied to her. The learned State Counsel has stated that the parole of the petitioner has been extended in view of the order passed by the High Powered Committee till 15.11.2020. She further states that the case of the petitioner for pre-mature release would be considered after the period of parole, which has now been extended by the High Powered Committee, is over and once the petitioner surrenders thereafter.

In view of the above, no further order needs to be passed in the present petition towards granting of the reliefs prayed for by the petitioner.

The petition is accordingly dismissed.

October 14, 2020
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(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE

NOTE:

Whether speaking/non-speaking: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No