

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

CRWP No.1770 of 2019

Date of Decision : 15.05.2020

Kamaldip Singh @ Prince @ Jahaj

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present : Mr. Charanpal S. Bagri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal S. Gill, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

Seen the Reply dated 22nd May, 2019 filed on behalf of the State which includes the list of 08 other FIR cases in which the Petitioner is said to be involved.

2. It transpires that the Petitioner has been acquitted in three of those cases while one of the FIR (No.29 dated 27th January, 2016) was cancelled, and another FIR (No.68 dated 22nd July, 2012) was quashed by this Court. Apart from that, the Petitioner is now facing trial in three other cases.

3. In the given circumstances, this Court is not inclined to regard the Petitioner as a hardcore criminal, who ought to be denied the benefit of parole on the bald assertion that there is likelihood of his indulgence in more criminal activities, if so released, or absconding from the arms of law.

4. The Petitioner has admittedly undergone imprisonment well in excess of three years by now.

5. Consequently, the impugned order (Annexure P-1) rejecting the Petitioner's application for parole on the aforesaid grounds, is untenable and is hereby set aside.

6. The Petition is therefore disposed off with a liberty to the Petitioner to apply afresh for his release on parole, on which an appropriate order shall be passed by the Competent Authority within three weeks from the date, the application is submitted.

May 15, 2020
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(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No