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

CRWP-685-2020

Date of Decision: 03.08.2021

SUNIL MEHTO

..... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present : Mr. Hoshiar Singh Jaiswal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vishal Kashyap, DAG, Haryana.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

As per reply dated 21.01.2020 filed on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3, the petitioner as on 21.01.2020 had undergone a total sentence (including remissions) to the tune of 18 years, 09 months & 06 days. In other words, as of now i.e. on 03.08.2021, the petitioner would have undergone a total sentence of more than 20 years.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that since the petitioner as of now will fall within the parameters of the policy dated 12.04.2002 and has undergone an actual sentence of 14 years and total sentence (including remissions) of 20 years, he is entitled to be released prematurely.

Learned State counsel has submitted that in view of the changed circumstances, the case of the petitioner for premature release shall be considered afresh.

In view of the aforesaid submission, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner afresh in view of the changed circumstances. In case, he is found to be eligible as per the policy dated 12.04.2002, needful be done within a period of two months from today by passing a speaking order.

03.08.2021*Ali***(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
2. Whether reportable: Yes/No