

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

CRWP No. 1741 of 2020
Date of Decision: 28.01.2021

Virender

-Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

-Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Sandeep Singh Jattan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.
Mr. Rajat Gautam, D.A.G., Haryana.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video-conferencing.

Prayer in this petition is for issuance of an appropriate writ, order or direction especially in the nature of certiorari for quashing the order dated 22.05.2019 passed by respondent No.1 vide which pre-mature release of the petitioner was declined.

After issuance of notice of motion, the State has filed short reply by way of affidavit of Jagjit Singh, Inspector General of Prisons, Office of the Director General of Prisons, Haryana on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4.

Para no.3 of the aforesaid reply reads as under:-

“3. That now on completion of 14 years actual sentence and 20 years total sentence, the case of the petitioner has been initiated by the Superintendent, District Jail, Karnal, vide his letter No.3048 dated 17.03.2020, to the office of the Director General of Prisons, Haryana for onward submission before the State Level Committee but due to lockdown imposed in view of COVID-19 pandemic, the work of this department has been affected. Now, the premature release cases of all the eligible life convicts (including the petitioner) are being prepared in the office of the Director General of Prisons, Haryana, for onward submission before the State Level Committee and the case of the petitioner will be placed before the State Level Committee shortly. As per recommendations of the State Level Committee, the matter will be submitted to the Govt. for orders. On receipt of which further action will be taken accordingly.”

In view of aforesaid stand taken by the respondents, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to finalize the case of the petitioner in accordance with law.

Disposed of.

January 28, 2021

Jyoti Sharma

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

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