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

CRWP-8068-2021

Date of decision : 03.09.2021

Pohlu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Pardeep Sihmar, Advocate for the petitioner.

(Through Video Conferencing)

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present Criminal Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the petitioner in terms of the policy dated 12.04.2002 (Annexure P-1) with respect to premature release of the life convict in FIR No.328 dated 20.09.1995 registered under Sections 302, 148, 149, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station City Kaithal, District Kaithal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has given a representation dated 09.08.2021 (Annexure P-2) for release of the petitioner in accordance with policy dated 12.04.2002. He has further submitted that the petitioner would be satisfied in case competent

authority is directed to decide the said representation in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

On asking of this Court, Mr. Manish Dadwal, AAG, Haryana, appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and has stated that State Level Committee which is the competent authority of which respondent No.2 is also a member, would need at least 10 weeks to decide the representation dated 09.08.2021 (Annexure P-2).

Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances and the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the present Criminal Writ Petition is disposed of with direction to the competent authority i.e. State Level Committee to decide the representation dated 09.08.2021 (Annexure P-2) as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of 10 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order.

Nothing stated above shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

03.09.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No