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

CRWP-1771-2022

Date of Decision: 28.02.2022

BALBIR SINGH

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Ms. Bhupinder Pal Kaur Brar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

This is a petition that has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to consider and decide the premature release case of the petitioner which is already pending with the respondents since 12.12.2018.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner would contend that the petitioner was convicted and sentenced to undergo life imprisonment in FIR No.24, dated 05.02.2001, under Sections 302/326/34 of IPC at Police Station Banur, District Patiala. The conviction and sentence was challenged before this Court in an appeal, which stood dismissed on 07.08.2014. The petitioner herein has already undergone 14 years of actual sentence and after including remissions more than 20 years. It is submitted that the petitioner applied for premature release in the year 2018 but the matter is still pending consideration. It is argued that in terms of the policy of the Punjab Government, petitioner is entitled to be released.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Ms. Bhavna Gupta, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State and seeks time to file reply. However, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of this matter by directing the respondents who are already seized of the representation and the recommendations made dated 15.04.2019.

Ordered accordingly.

Let a concrete decision be taken within a period of four weeks and communicated to the petitioner herein.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

28.02.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No