



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-1604-2024  
Date of decision: 27.11.2025

GURMUKH SINGH

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present : Mr. J.S. Bains, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ravneet Singh Lekhi, AAG, Punjab.

**YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR. J.(Oral)**

1. The present petition under Article 227 of the Constitution of India has been filed for issuing a direction to respondent No. 2 to decide the petitioner's case for premature release expeditiously, within a period of three months.

2. On 04.07.2024, following order was passed:-

*“Today, status report dated 03.07.2024, by way of affidavit of Anurag Kumar Azad, Superintendent, Central Jail, Amritsar, on behalf of the respondent Nos.2 & 3, has been filed by learned State counsel, in Court today, which is taken on record. A copy thereof has been handed over to the counsel for the petitioner.*

*Learned State counsel, in terms of order dated 29.05.2024 refers to Paragraph No.5 of status report and submits that office of Additional Director General of Police, Punjab, Chandigarh after considering the premature release case, forwarded the same to the Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Department of Jails, Chandigarh and same is pending for final decision and he seeks one more opportunity to do the needful.*

*Learned State counsel is directed to obtain necessary instructions and shall ensure that final decision be taken within a period of four weeks*



*positively.*  
*List on 20.08.2024.”*

3. A perusal of the aforesaid order shows that the case of premature release of the petitioner has been sent to Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Department of Jails, Chandigarh and final decision has to be taken. However, till date necessary order has not been passed on the issue of premature release of the petitioner.
4. In view of above, present petition is disposed of and Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Department of Jails, Chandigarh is directed to decide the premature release case of the petitioner, within a period of one month from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

27.11.2025  
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(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)  
JUDGE

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