



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

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CRWP-3928-2023 (O & M)
Date of decision: 26.08.2025

Amandeep Singh @ Amna

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Ms. Bandana Trikha, Advocate,
for the petitioner. (through hybrid mode)

Mr. Iqbal Singh, AAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer made in the present petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for quashing the order dated 20.02.2023, Annexure P-1, vide which request of the petitioner for his pre-mature release has been rejected.

2. There is no denying the fact as stated in para 8 and 9 of the reply dated 25.08.2023, filed by way of affidavit of Superintendent of Central Jail, Ludhiana that the petitioner, as directed by High Power Committee was directed to surrender in jail on 28.03.2021, but absconded and thereafter, was arrested by the police escort. A case FIR No.44 under Section 18, 61, 65 NDPS Act, Police Station Doraha had also been registered against him on 22.03.2021 and was admitted in Borstel Jail, Ludhiana on 25.03.2021, wherefrom on 17.04.2021, he was transferred to

Central Jail, Ludhiana. Further, on 12.12.2021, during a search conducted, one touch mobile phone was recovered from him, for which FIR 215 dated 14.12.2021 under Section 52-A of Prisons Act, 1894 was registered at Police Station Division 7, Ludhiana.

3. In view of the above and 1.B (ii) of the Premature Release Policy dated 08.07.1991 requiring a convict to maintain good conduct for last 5 years, the submission of learned counsel that mere registration of FIR against the petitioner, cannot be taken to be a ground to deny him pre-mature release, is untenable and accordingly, the present petition, is hereby dismissed.

26.08.2025
parveen kumar

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No