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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(CRL) 1643/2025**

MANI SHANKAR

.....Petitioner

Through: *Appearance not given.*

versus

THE STATE GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI & ANRRespondents

Through: Mr. Sanjeev Bhandari, ASC for the State along with Mr. Arjit Sharma and Ms. Sakshi Jha.

Insp Sandeep Kumar, PS Madhu Vihar.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

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27.10.2025

1. The Petitioner is a convict serving life sentence in FIR No. 53/2013, registered under Sections 302, 307, 394, 397 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, at P.S. Madhu Vihar. The Petitioner seeks parole for a period of eight weeks for the purpose of reconstruction of his dilapidated house, as well as to enable him to restore his familial and social ties. The Petitioner also seeks setting aside of the order dated 15th April, 2025, passed by the Respondent Authorities, rejecting his request for parole.

2. A perusal of the impugned order indicates that the Petitioner's request for parole was declined on the grounds that his overall jail conduct had been reported as unsatisfactory and that he had previously been convicted in five



other criminal cases. However, the order itself notes that the Petitioner has already undergone the sentences imposed in those cases. Moreover, the Status Report filed on behalf of the State confirms that there are no other criminal cases presently pending against the Petitioner.

3. As regards the Petitioner's overall conduct being reported as unsatisfactory, it is noted that the same is based on a punishment ticket issued on 16th March, 2023, for consumption of prohibited drugs within the jail premises. As a consequence, the Petitioner's canteen and calling facilities were suspended for one month, which punishment has already been undergone. In these circumstances, denial of parole to the Petitioner on the same ground is not warranted. It is further observed that the Petitioner was granted parole by this Court on 15th September, 2023, subsequent to the aforesaid incident, and since then, no further punishment ticket has been issued against him nor has any fresh criminal case been registered, thereby not justifying a contrary view at this stage.

4. As per the nominal roll on record, the Petitioner has been in custody for 12 years 04 months and 17 days as on 17th July, 2025 and has also earned a remission of 01 year 07 months and 07 days. Further, his jail conduct for the last one year has been reported as satisfactory.

5. Accordingly, having regard to the period of incarceration, the grounds for seeking parole and the object of parole, the application is allowed and the Petitioner is directed to be released on parole for a period of 08 weeks, from the date of his release, on his furnishing a personal bond in the sum of INR 10,000/- with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the concerned Jail Superintendent, subject to the following conditions:

(i) The Petitioner shall report to the concerned SHO(s) once a fortnight



during the period of parole.

(ii) The Petitioner shall furnish his telephone number to the SHO(s) concerned, which the Petitioner will keep operational at all times.

(iii) The Petitioner shall surrender before the Jail Authorities at the expiry of the period of parole.

6. The petition is disposed of in the above terms.

7. A copy of the order be communicated to the concerned Jail Superintendent for information and necessary compliance.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

OCTOBER 27, 2025/MK