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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 2253/2025**

MOHIT CHAUHAN

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Siddharth Yadav, Mr. Anmol
Kumar Pandey, Advocates.

versus

STATE (NCT OF DELHI)

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Anand V Khatri, ASC(Crl) along
with Mr. Aditya Khatri, Advocate
with Insp Rahul Raushan ,PS Vasant
Vihar.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

ORDER

13.10.2025

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1. Petitioner herein seeks issuance of a Writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondent and/or the Sentence Review Board ("SRB") to consider the petitioner's case and grant premature release in criminal case arising out of FIR No. 165/2011 for the alleged offences under Sections 302, 34 of IPC and Section 27 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Vasant Vihar, Delhi.

2. Succinctly, the petitioner's case is that he is an inmate of Central Jail No.2, Tihar, New Delhi, undergoing life imprisonment awarded vide judgment and order on sentence dated 21.01.2017 passed by the learned Trial Court in the said FIR, and have already undergone more than fourteen



years of total incarceration.

2.1 That the petitioner's appeal bearing Crl. Appeal No. 103/2018, was dismissed by this Court on 28.09.2022 and challenge to the same appeal was also dismissed by the Supreme Court on 12.08.2024 *vide* SLP (Crl) No. 10901/2024. Belonging to the lowest strata of society, he has endured a long and continuous imprisonment, which has left his family in a dilapidated state.

2.2 During his custody, the petitioner has consistently maintained good conduct, rendered services as a sewadar to the jail authorities, and no adverse record has been noted against him in the past one year, even during periods when liberty was granted to him on several occasions.

3. Mr. Anand V Khatri, ASC for the State submits at the outset that the petitioner's case shall be considered in accordance with law in the forthcoming meeting of the SRB. He further submits that if the petitioner meets the prescribed parameters, an appropriate order shall be passed.

4. In view of the aforesaid candid statement, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction that all appropriate steps shall be taken by the competent authority of the State to consider the case of the petitioner in the forthcoming meeting of Sentence Review Board and take a decision either way, in accordance with law.

5. In the parting, I may hasten to add that it is expected of the competent authority to pass a speaking order, in the event it is not inclined to accept the petitioner's request, so as to enable him to pursue such remedies as may be available to him in accordance with law.

6. Furthermore, it is expected that the Jail Superintendent shall take appropriate steps to ensure that the petitioner's case is placed expeditiously



before the forthcoming meeting of the Sentence Review Board, so that a decision, as indicated above, may be taken.

7. Let the copy of this order be sent to the Jail Superintendent concerned for information and compliance.
8. The petition is disposed of accordingly.

ARUN MONGA, J

OCTOBER 13, 2025/nk/rs