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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 4073/2025 & CRL.M.A. 36649/2025**

VINOD RAI @BHULLAN

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Nitin Saluja, Advocate
from DHCLSC with Mr.
K.S. Jaggi, Advocate.

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Sanjeev Bhandari,
ASC for the State with Mr.
Arjit Sharma and Ms.
Sakshi Jha, Advocates.
SI Rahul Garg, PS Roop
Nagar.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT MAHAJAN

ORDER

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09.12.2025

1. The present petition is filed seeking parole for a period of four weeks.
2. The petitioner had filed an application seeking parole wayback on 05.08.2025, which is yet to be decided.
3. Rule 1217 of the Delhi Prison Rules, 2018 categorically provides that the Government shall decide the application for parole within a period of four weeks.
4. This Court time and again has passed various judgments and orders noting the conduct of the respondent authority in not deciding the parole application within a period of four weeks.
5. Such lethargic attitude of the respondent authorities not only leads to delay in release of convicts who may be seeking parole for certain urgencies but also creates an extra burden on the Courts who have to decide such applications. In the present



case, the applicant had filed an application seeking parole in order to enable the applicant to prefer an SLP before the Hon'ble Apex Court which as noted above was filed way back on 05.08.2025 and has still not been decided.

6. This lethargic approach of the respondent authorities in not rendering a decision within the stipulated timeframe leads to the applicants approaching Courts for disposal of their applications. The Courts are anyway inundated with a huge workload. Such applications have to be heard and decided by the Courts only because of the lethargy of the respondent authorities which further adds to the heavy docket of the Courts and takes away the precious time that could have been dedicated for deciding genuine cases.

7. In view of the above, the present petition stands disposed of with a direction to the respondent authority to decide the petitioner's application for parole within a period of two weeks from today.

8. The respondent authority which are responsible for delay and disposal of the parole application, is also directed to pay a cost of ₹50,000/- to Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee within a period of two weeks from today.

9. The respondent authority shall recover the said cost from the concerned officer, who is responsible for the delay and disposal of the application filed by the petitioner.

10. Pending application also stands disposed of.

AMIT MAHAJAN, J

DECEMBER 9, 2025

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