



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR

Criminal Writ Petition No.125 of 2026

Sachin Kashinath Ingle (In Jail)

vs.

*The State of Maharashtra, through Principal Secretary (Home), Mantralaya, Mumbai
and others*

*Office notes, Office Memoranda of
Coram, appearances, Court's orders
or directions and Registrar's orders.*

Court's or Judge's Orders

*Ms. Sonali Khobragade, Advocate for the Petitioner.
Mr. S.S. Doifode, A.P.P. for the Respondents.*

CORAM : ANIL L. PANSARE & NIVEDITA P. MEHTA, JJ.
DATE : 17th FEBRUARY, 2026.

The petitioner-convict seeks a direction to process his case for extending the benefit in terms of communication dated 16/11/1978, issued by the Deputy Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra, Home Department. The said communication lays down guiding principles indicating a broad division of the pattern of crimes for the purpose of premature release of prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for life.

02. The grievance of the petitioner is that, despite such guidelines existing, the respondents have not processed his case for premature release in terms of the said communication.

03. As such, we are of the view that the directions, as sought, are not necessary, as the respondents are duty-bound to process the case of every convict who is otherwise entitled to the benefit under the aforesaid communication.

04. The learned A.P.P. shall take instructions as to why was the petitioner's case not processed in terms of the aforesaid communication. For that purpose, issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 7th March, 2026.

05. Mr. Doifode, learned A.P.P. waives service of notice on behalf of the respondents/State.

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(Nivedita P. Mehta, J.)

(Anil L. Pansare, J.)