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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 236/2026 & CRL.M.A. 2253/2026**

JAGTAR SINGH HAWARA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Maninder Singh, Sr. Adv. with
Ms. Aekta Vats, Ms. Janvi Narang,
Advocates.

versus

STATE OF GNCT OF DELHI & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjeev Bhandari, ASC with
Mr. Arjit Sharma, Ms. Sakshi Jha,
Advocates.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

% **22.01.2026**

1. The petitioner is at present incarcerated in Central Jail No. 15, Mandoli, Delhi. His grievance in this writ petition is that his application for parole, which was submitted on 11.06.2025 to the Superintendent of the Jail, has not elicited a response.
2. Mr. Sanjeev Bhandari, learned Additional Standing Counsel, appearing for the respondents on advance notice, submits that the Jail Superintendent, Mandoli Jail, is not competent to decide the application, as the petitioner was convicted by the Court of the Additional Sessions Judge, Chandigarh. He submits that the appropriate authority would be the Chandigarh Administration.
3. Mr. Maninder Singh, learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner, disputes this legal position but submits that, in any event, the authorities



ought to have responded to the petitioner's request within the last seven months, so that he could take necessary steps.

4. Having regard to these submissions, it is directed that the respondent-authorities will communicate their response to the request for parole, to the petitioner and learned counsel on record for the petitioner, within a period of four weeks from today.

5. It is made clear that this order does not foreclose the submission of the parties recorded above. All rights and remedies of the petitioner also remain reserved.

6. The writ petition, alongwith the pending application, is disposed of.

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

PRATEEK JALAN, J

JANUARY 22, 2026

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