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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 1010/2026, CRL.M.A. 9512/2026**

RAHUL DEV

.....Petitioner

Through: **Mr.Shannu Baghel, Advocate**

versus

STATE (NCT OF DELHI)

.....Respondent

Through: **Mr.Sanjeev Bhandari, ASC for
State with SI Shubham PS Maurya
Enclave**

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

% **30.03.2026**

Crl.M.A. No. 9512/2026 (Exemption)

Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

The application stands disposed of.

W.P.(CRL) 1010/2026

1. The petitioner is presently lodged in Central Jail No. 2, Tihar, New Delhi, in connection with FIR No. 303/2009 registered at Police Station Maurya Enclave for offences under Sections 302 and 201 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. He was convicted by the learned Sessions Court *vide* judgment dated 29.08.2014 and, by order on sentence dated 30.08.2014, was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for life.
2. The petitioner's appeal against the aforesaid judgment of conviction and order on sentence, before this Court, being Criminal Appeal No. 229/2015, was dismissed *vide* judgment dated 31.05.2017.



His Special Leave Petition was also dismissed by the Supreme Court *vide* order dated 03.12.2018 in SLP (Crl.)_D.No. 43231/2018.

3. Having undergone imprisonment for a period of 14 years and one month, the petitioner has applied for premature release. The present writ petition has been filed seeking suspension of sentence until a final decision is taken by the Sentence Review Board.

4. Mr. Sanjeev Bhandari, learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State, submits that the petitioner's case for premature release will be placed before the Sentence Review Board in its next meeting and will be decided in accordance with law. In view of the aforesaid submission, Mr. Shannu Baghel, learned counsel for the petitioner, does not press the present petition at this stage.

5. The petition is accordingly disposed of, binding the respondent to the submissions recorded before this Court.

6. The rights and remedies of the petitioner remain reserved.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

MARCH 30, 2026

'sv/JM'/