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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(CRL) 2596/2023**
AZEEM KHANPetitioner

Through: Mr. Chetan Bhardwaj with Ms. Priyal
Bhardwaj, Ms. Swati Gaur,
Advocates.

versus

STATE GOVT OF NCT OF DELHIRespondent
Through: Mr. Sanjeev Bhandari, ASC with SI
Nitin.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER

% **22.04.2026**

CRL.M.A. 12413/2026

Exemption allowed, subject to all just exception.

CRL.M.A. 12412/2026 (early hearing)

1. For the reasons stated in the application, the application seeking early hearing is allowed and the present petition is taken up today itself, with the consent of learned counsel for both the sides.
2. Application stands disposed of.
3. Next date of 07.09.2026 stands cancelled.

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4. The petitioner was on an *emergency parole* for a period of 90 days. During such parole, he, allegedly, committed an offence punishable under Section 21/29 of *Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985*.
5. The punishment ticket indicates that the petitioner was released on emergency parole for a period of 90 days on 15.05.2021 and FIR No. 168/2021 for said offences was registered on 25.08.2021.
6. Fact, however, remains that the petitioner has already been discharged

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in the abovesaid case and copy of discharge order dated 10.09.2025 has also been placed on record. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that since petitioner has already been discharged in the abovesaid case, in which he was arrested during the emergency parole period, the punishment ticket needs to be recalled.

7. Mr. Bhandari, learned ASC submits that, since the abovesaid order of discharge has not been challenged, in view of the abovesaid significant development i.e. discharge of the accused, the *competent authority* can always be directed to reconsider the matter and, if required to recall the punishment ticket in question.

8. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that let there be a time-bound direction in this regard to the competent authority.

9. Petition is, accordingly, disposed of with request to *Competent Authority* to consider the matter afresh in light of the abovesaid discharge order dated 10.09.2025 and to pass appropriate order, while giving reasons.

10. Let the decision in this regard be taken within a period of four weeks. Needless to say, the decision in this regard would be duly communicated to the petitioner.

11. In case, the petitioner is aggrieved by such decision, he would be at liberty to file petition afresh before this Court.

12. The petition stands disposed of in aforesaid terms.

13. Pending application also stands disposed of.

14. A copy of this order be sent to Superintendent, Jail for information and compliance.

MANOJ JAIN, J

APRIL 22, 2026/sw/pb