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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010549332026**

\+ W.P.(CRL) 3552/2026 & CRL.M.A. 35637/2026

PAWAN KUMAR .....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Puja Bhusari Soni, Advocate (DHCLSC)

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI .....Respondent

Through: Mr. Sanjay Lao, Senior Advocate with Mr. Yudhvir Singh Chauhan, APP for the State and Mr. Abhinav Kumar, Mr. Aryan Sachdeva, Advocates along with Insp. Saleem, PS Anand Parbat.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

O R D E R

% 19.11.2026

1. The Petitioner, a life convict in FIR No. 43/2007 registered at P.S. Anand Parbat under Sections 302/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, assails the order No. F.18/13/2026/HG/PRISONS/8944-46 dated 29th October, 2026, whereby his application seeking release on parole for a period of four weeks was rejected. He further seeks a direction for his release on parole for the aforesaid period.

2. As per the nominal roll dated 5th November, 2026, the Petitioner has undergone incarceration for 15 years, 6 months and 16 days, and has earned remission of 3 years, 5 months and 13 days. His jail conduct for the past year has been reported to be satisfactory. His application seeking parole was rejected on the grounds that he had recently availed two weeks of furlough

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from 9th July, 2026 to 23rd July, 2026, no compelling circumstances existed for grant of parole, and the police had not recommended his release on account of non-verification of his residential address and apprehensions regarding the safety of the victim's family and other witnesses.

3. It is noted that the Petitioner has previously been released on interim bail, parole and furlough on several occasions. It is further reflected that no instance of misconduct was reported against the Petitioner during any of his previous releases. Moreover, nearly four months have now elapsed since the Petitioner's previous release on furlough.

4. Considering the aforesaid circumstances, particularly his satisfactory jail conduct and the absence of any reported misuse of liberty during his previous releases, this Court is of the view that the Petitioner ought to be released on parole.

5. However, it is noted that the Petitioner is a co-convict along with Jaswant Singh, who is also the petitioner in W.P. (CRL.) 3556/2026 and has been granted parole by this Court. To ensure that the two co-convicts are not released simultaneously, the release of the Petitioner in the present petition shall remain deferred until Jaswant Singh surrenders before the concerned Jail Authorities upon expiry of his period of parole.

6. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the Petitioner is directed to be released on parole for a period of four weeks from the date of his release, after Jaswant Singh, petitioner in W.P. (CRL.) 3556/2026, has surrendered before the concerned Jail Authorities, upon furnishing a personal bond in the sum of INR 10,000/- with one surety in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the concerned Jail Superintendent, subject to verification of his residential address and the following conditions:

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(i) The Petitioner shall report to the concerned SHO once, upon completion of two weeks from the date of his release.

(ii) The Petitioner shall furnish his telephone number to the SHO(s) concerned, which he will keep operational at all times.

(iii) The Petitioner shall surrender before the Jail Authorities at the expiry of the period of parole.

7. The petition is disposed of in the above terms.

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

SANJEEV NARULA, J

NOVEMBER 19, 2026/ab

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