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

+ **CRL.M.C. 227/2026**

RAKESH

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Rashmi Singhal, Ms. Ratna Aggarwal, Ms. Ranjana Aggarwal and Mr. Abhishek, Advocates.
Ms. Chitra Singh, Advocate.

versus

THE STATE GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Shubhi Gupta, APP for the State.
SI Ajit Kumar, PS Anand Prabat.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI

ORDER

12.01.2026

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CRL.M.A. 851/2026 (exemption)

Exemption granted, subject to just exceptions.

Let requisite compliances be made within 01 week.

The application stands disposed of.

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By way of the present petition filed under section 474 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, the petitioner seeks commutation of his life sentence.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits, that the petitioner has already undergone sentence for more than 24 years; and is entitled to be considered for premature release.



3. However, it is noticed that the petitioner has not approached the Sentence Review Board ('SRB') for the above purpose.
4. Since the issue of commuting of sentence must first be placed before the SRB, and only thereafter, the decision of the SRB would be amenable to challenge by way of a criminal writ petition, the present petition is disposed of, directing the Registry to forward the present petition to the jail authorities directing them to place the same before the SRB, to be treated as a representation made by the petitioner.
5. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed-of.
6. Needless to add, that the petitioner would be at liberty to challenge any decision taken by the SRB, as may be permissible, in accordance with law.

ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J

JANUARY 12, 2026/ak