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NC: 2026:KHC:32189
WP No. 11112 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 29TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

WRIT PETITION NO. 11112 OF 2026 (GM-POLICE)

BETWEEN:

SMT. INDRA
W/O RAVIKUMAR,
AGED 40 YEARS
R/AT CHATTANAHALLI VILLAGE,
DUDDA HOBLI, ALUR TALUK
HASSAN-573220.

THE PETITIONER IS THE WIFE OF THE
CONVICT PRISONER NO 13057 RAVIKUMAR
WHO IS SERVING LIFE SENTENCE IN
BENGALURU CENTRAL PRISON.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. PRADEEP PATIL., ADVOCATE)

AND:

Digitally signed by SHWETHA RAGHAVENDRA
Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
   BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
   HOME DEPARTMENT
   VIDHANA SOUDHA
   BENGALURU 560 001

2. THE LIFE CONVICTS RELEASE COMMITTEE
   HOME DEPARTMENT
   VIDHANA SOUDHA
   BENGALURU-560001
   REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN

3. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE PRISONS
   AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
   NO. 9 SHESHADRI ROAD,
   GANDHI NAGAR

BENGALURU-560009

4. THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT
CENTRAL PRISON,
PARAPPANA AGRAHARA
BENGALURU-560100

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. C.H. DEVARAJ., AGA)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT, ORDER OR DIRECTION IN THE NATURE OF MANDAMUS TO THE RESPONDENTS TO BE PLEASED TO ACT IN STRICT COMPLIANCE OF THE NOTIFICATION BEARING NO. HD 119 PRA 2018, BENGALURU, DATED 21.04.2020 PRODUCED AS ANNEXURE-A AND BE FURTHER PLEASED TO DIRECT THE RESPONDENTS TO CONSIDER THE CASE OF THE PRISONER NO 13057 RAVIKUMAR S/O VENKATALAH FOR PREMATURE RELEASE IN TERMS OF THE ANNEXURE-A AND ETC.

THIS WRIT PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

ORAL ORDER

1. The petitioner is before this Court seeking for the following reliefs:

> *a) Issue writ, order or direction in the nature of mandamus to the respondents to be pleased to act in strict compliance of the Notification bearing No.HD 119 PRA 2018, Bengaluru, dated 21.04.2020 produced as Annexure-A and be further pleased to direct the respondents to consider the case of the prisoner No. 13057 Ravikumar S/o Venkataiah for premature release in terms of the Annexure-A*
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> *b) Issue writ , order or direction in the nature of mandamus to the respondents to release the Prisoner No. 13057 Ravikumar S/o Venkataiah on parole till the*

decision of the Government in the interest of justice and equity.

c) Pass such other order/s/directions considering the facts and circumstances of the case together as to costs in the interest of justice.

2. The detenu-prisoner No.13057 Ravikumar, S/o Venkataiah had been convicted for offences under Section 302, 120(b) and 201 of IPC in SC No.755/2012 by LII City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru on 7.10.2022. The detenu had been sentenced for life imprisonment. The detenu had earlier been granted court parole for 3 months. He had made an application for premature release.

3. In terms of the said application, the Advisory Board had approved the premature release of the detenu, and the matter is now pending before the Life Convicts Release Committee (LCRC), I am of the considered opinion that the detenu can be released on parole subject to the decision of the LCRC. Needless to say, if the LCRC were to deny the premature release, the detenu would have to

surrender himself before the jail authorities. In that background, I pass the following:

ORDER

i) The Writ Petition is partly allowed.

ii) Respondent No.4 is directed to release the detenu-prisoner No. 13057 Ravikumar S/o Venkataiah on parole for a period of 90 days commencing from **1.07.2026** with usual conditions and or the decision of the LCRC whichever is earlier.

iii) In the event of the LCRC approving the premature release, then the parole shall continue until approval by the appropriate authorities.

iv) In the event of the LCRC rejecting the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the detenu would have to surrender to the jail authorities within 15 days of such rejection.

Sd/-
(SURAJ GOVINDARAJ)
JUDGE

LN, List No.: 1 Sl No.: 70