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Dated 08/07/2025

To

The System Analyst
IT Branch, HQs, Tihar,
New Delhi- 110064

Subject : To upload the Minutes & orders of SRB meeting held on
02.04.2025 & 17.03.2025.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith orders/letters No. F.18/13/2025/HG/900-901 dated 04.04.2025 & F.18/75/2024/HG/705-706 dated 25.03.2025 issued by the Dy. Secretary (Prisons), GNCTD in pursuance of Sentence Review Board meeting on the above captioned subject. The Minutes of SRB Meeting is also has been approved by the Competent Authority & received from Dy. Secy. (Prisons), GNCTD.

Therefore, it is requested to kindly upload the enclosed orders/letters along with minutes of both Sentence Review Board meetings on the website of Delhi Prisons, GNCTD.

This is for your information and further necessary action in the matter at your end please. Kindly treat the matter as most urgent.

Yours faithfully

Encl: As above

Dy. Superintendent (SRB)
Prison HQs, Tihar, New Delhi

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GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
HOME (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT
5 LEVEL, C-WING, DELHI SECRETARIAT, NEW DELHI

F.No.18/13/2025/HG/900-901

Dated:04/04/2025

To

The DG (Prisons)
Prisons Head Quarters,
Central Jail, Tihar, New Delhi.

Sub: Regarding Sentence Review Board (SRB) meeting held on 02.04.2025.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to inform that the Sentence Review Board (SRB) in its meetings held on 2nd April 2025 considered the case of life convicts namely Mohd. Arif S/o Sh. Jalaluddin for premature release and the same has been rejected by Sentence Review Board.

The minutes of the meeting of the Sentence Review Board (SRB) has been duly approved by the Competent Authority i.e. Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi.

The convict may be informed accordingly.

(Nitin Panigrahi)

Deputy Secretary (Prisons)

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1. The Superintendent, Central Jail No. 1, Tihar for information.

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Sr. Law Officer

Director General (Prisons)

MINUTES OF THE SENTENCE REVIEW BOARD HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE HOME MINISTER, GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI AT 01:00 P.M. ON 02ND APRIL, 2025.

1. This Sentence Review Board (SRB) vide its minutes of meeting dated 17.03.2025 had declined to recommend the premature release of the convict Md. Arif S/o Jalaluddin.

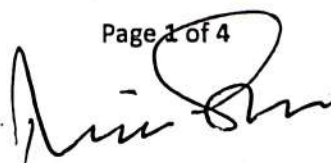
2. Md. Arif S/o Jalaluddin was convicted along with 04 others for the offences under section 397/394/34 IPC by the Ld. Trial Court vide judgment dated 16.02.2013 in FIR No.36/2011, U/s 395/397/34 IPC, PS Saraswati Vihar. Vide order on sentence dated 28.02.2013, Md. Arif S/o Jalaluddin was sentenced for Life Imprisonment for the offence under section 397/395 IPC. Md. Arif S/o Jalaluddin filed Criminal Appeal No. 888/2013 before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi which was dismissed vide judgment dated 01.09.2014. The relevant portions of the judgment dated 01.09.2014 are reproduced as under:

....."2. The irrefutable evidence capturing the movements of Sarfaraj, Shahjad, Mohd. Arif and Mohd. Azad Alam the four appellants and the fifth co-convict Naeem when they committed an armed dacoity in the shop of Amar Nath Gupta PW-11 is captured in the CCTV footage Ex. PX1 and ExPX2 seized by SI Umesh Rana the Investigating Officer. We have seen the two footages captured by the CCTV cameras and stored in the memory of the hard disk of the computer of the CCTV. The two footages have been seized by SI Umesh Rana on being handed over by Amar Nath Gupta. The first seizure is on February 05, 2011 and the seizure memo relatable thereto is Ex. PW-15/B. It relates to the CCTV footage stored in the memory for the period around 09:50 PM till 09:58 PM on February 04, 2011. The second footage seized vide memo EX. PW-15/E is when Manoj Gupta s/o Amar Nath Gupta handed over on February 12, 2011 the footage pertaining to what was recorded between 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM on February 04, 2011....."

"16. The learned trial judge has held Naeem, Mohd. Arif and Sarfaraj guilty of the offence punishable under Section 395 read with Section 397 IPC. Sarfaraj has also been held guilty of the offence punishable under Section 25 of the Arms Act. Mohd. Azad




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Alam and Shahjad have been held guilty for the offence punishable under Section 395 IPC."

"17. The reason is obvious. There were five persons who conjointly committed robbery. Thus, it was a case of dacoity. Three used deadly weapons and attempted to cause, if not death, grievous hurt, as per the findings returned by the learned trial judge. Sarfaraj was armed with a pistol (desi katta). Mohd. Arif and Naeem were armed with a knife. Naeem brandished the same to overawe Amar Nath Gupta. Mohd. Arif not only brandished but even yielded the knife at the servant of Amar Nath Gupta who challenged him."

"18. Noting that Naeem was a bad character and had involvement in 27 previous cases of robbery and housebreaking in night, Mohd. Arif had a criminal record of being involved in six previous cases including attempt to murder, housebreaking and theft and Sarfaraj had a previous involvement in two cases for theft and robbery, the learned trial judge has sentenced Mohd. Arif, Naeem and Sarfaraj to undergo RI for life. For the offence punishable under the Arms Act, Sarfaraj has been sentenced to undergo RI for three years. Concerning Mohd. Azad Alam and Shahjad noting that they had no previous criminal record and the two did not use any weapon, noting further that Mohd. Azad Alam kept on standing at a little distance on the road, the learned trial judge has sentenced the two to undergo RI for seven years....."

3. After considering the material placed on record before the SRB i.e. Commutation Roll, Police Report, Social Investigation Report, Judgment related to the case etc., this SRB had declined to recommend the premature release of convict vide minutes of meeting dated 17.03.2025.

4. Vide e-mail dated 01.04.2025, Mr. Zoheb Hossain, AOR/Govt. Advocate has informed the O/o DG(Prisons) that vide order dated 28.03.2025, the Hon'ble Supreme Court had expressed its concerns about the rejection of premature release of the convict Md. Arif S/o Jalaluddin and to revisit the said recommendation. In view of the said e-mail, the SRB has met today. The copy of order dated 28.03.2025 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court has also been placed on record.

5. In view of the above, the SRB has carefully gone through the material available on the record. As per CCTNS report submitted by police, the convict was also found involved in following criminal cases:

S. No.	FIR No.	Under section	Police Station
1.	0021/2009	356/379/34 IPC	Maurya Enclave
2.	0004/2009	457/380/411/34 IPC	South Rohini
3.	0015/2009	457/380/411/34 IPC	Subhash Place
4.	0004/2009	457/380/411/34 IPC	Subhash Place
5.	0006/2009	307/34 IPC	Subhash Place
6.	0416/2010	457/380/411/34 IPC	Moti Nagar

6. As reproduced above, the involvement of Md. Arif S/o Jalaluddin in multiple cases weighed with the Hon'ble High Court while upholding the order on sentence passed against him.

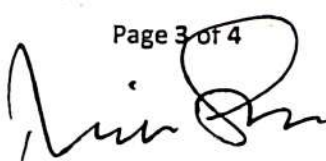
7. Rule 1251 of the Delhi Prison Rules, 2018 provides that the Sentence Review Board shall have the discretion to recommend to release a convict at an appropriate time in all cases considering the circumstances the circumstances in which the crime was committed and other relevant factors like:


- “(a) *Whether the convict has lost his potential for committing crime considering his overall conduct in Jail during the 14 years incarceration.*
- (b) *The possibility of reclaiming the convict as a useful member of the society and*
- (c) *Socio-Economic condition of the Convict's family”.*

8. The same criteria is also contained in the Order dated 16/07/2004 of the Government of NCT of Delhi.

9. Md. Arif S/o Sh. Jalaluddin is undergoing life imprisonment in case FIR No. 36/2011, U/S 395/397/34 IPC, P.S. Saraswati Vihar, Delhi for committing robbery/dacoity in a shop. As on 14.10.2023, the convict has undergone imprisonment of 12 years, 06 months & 09 days in actual and 15 years, 03 months & 19 days with remission. He has availed Parole 07 times and Furlough 12 times.

10. The age of Md. Arif is at present 36 years. The record before the SRB reveals the involvement of the convict Md. Arif in 06 other cases. Keeping in view the observations of the Hon'ble High Court and the fact that he has been involved



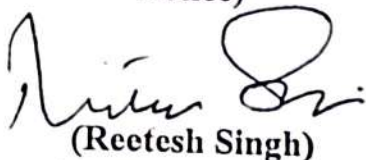
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in multiple cases between the years 2009 to 2010, this Board is of considered opinion that the convict Md. Arif has not lost his potential for committing crime.

11. Considering the gravity, perversity of the crime, age of the convict and his involvement in multiple criminal cases, circumstances under which the offence was committed, the Board felt that it is not in the interest of the public at large to release such a convict and therefore unanimously agreed to **REJECT** the premature release of the convict Md. Arif S/o Sh. Jalaluddin at this stage.



(Devesh Chandra Srivastva)
Spl. Commissioner of Police (Crime)
Delhi Police/Member
(As nominated by Commissioner of
Police)



(Reetesh Singh)
Principal Secretary (Law, Justice & LA)
GNCT of Delhi/Member



(Satish Golchha)
Director General of Prisons
GNCT of Delhi/Member Secretary



(Anil Kumar)
Chief Probation Officer
Department of Social Welfare
GNCT of Delhi/Member



(Surinder S. Rathi)
District Judge
Central District, Delhi/ Member
(As nominated by D&SJ, Hqs, Delhi)



(A. Anbarasu)
Principal Secretary (Home)
GNCT of Delhi/Member



(Ashish Sood)
Hon'ble Home Minister
GNCT of Delhi/Chairman

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
HOME (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT
5TH LEVEL, "A" WING, DELHI SACHIVALAYA, I.P. ESTATE, DELHI

No. F.18/75/2024/HG/705-706

Dated: 25/3/2025

To

The DG (Prisons)
Prison Head Quarter
Tihar, New Delhi.

SR. LAW OFFICER

Sub: Regarding SRB meetings held on 17.03.2025.

Director General (Prisons)

Sir,

Reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to convey that the Sentence Reviewing Board (SRB) in its meetings held on 17th March 2025, considered the following two (02) cases of life convicts for premature release and have been rejected by Sentence Review Board:

S No	Name	Parentage
1	Sukhdev Yadav @ Pehalwan	Sh. Vishwanath Singh
2	Mohd. Arif	Sh. Jalaluddin

The minutes of the meeting of the Sentence Review Board (SRB) has been duly approved by the Competent Authority i.e. Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi.

The convicts may be informed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary (Home)

No. F.18/75/2024-HG/705-706

Dated: 25/3/2025

Copy to:-

1. The Superintendent, Central Jail No. 1 & 3, Tihar for information.

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Deputy Secretary (Home)

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Minutes of the Sentence Review Board held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Home Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi at 03:30 P.M. on 17th March, 2025.

A meeting of the Sentence Review Board (hereinafter referred to as Board) was held on 12th March, 2025 & 17th March, 2025 at Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Home Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi. List of participants is attached as Annexure - I & II (Page No. 12 & 13) respectively.

2. In pursuance to the meeting notice No. F.18/75/2024/HG/585-590 dated 10.03.2025 & No. F.18/75/2024/HG/631-636 dated 13.03.2025, Agenda consisting of 02 cases on the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, was taken up by the Board.

3. The Board was informed about the following:-

- (i) Recommendations of the Board for premature release of the convicts has to be placed before the Competent Authority i.e. Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi for his approval.
- (ii) Actual custody period undergone by the convicts i.e. expired portion of sentence along-with the remissions earned by them.
- (iii) Applicable remission rules/policies qua the convicts with regard to premature release of the convicts.

4. The Board considered and examined the cases for premature release of convicts based upon the order issued on 16.07.2004 by the Government of NCT of Delhi and also as per the principles laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case of Laxman Naskar Vs. State of West Bengal (2000) 7 SCC 626. The Board extensively deliberated on the following issues to consider the premature release case of ibid convicts:-

- (i) Jail conduct of the convict;
- (ii) Potential and Probability of committing crime again by the convict;
- (iii) Possibility of reclaiming the convict as a useful member of the society;
- (iv) Socio-economic condition of the convict's family;
- (v) Whether the offence affect the society at large etc.


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5. The Board underlined the facts that there is need for striking a balance between retributive and reformative forms of justice. There is no mandate, *per se*, under the law to release a life convict merely on the condition that he has completed minimum prescribed sentence.
6. Agenda of both the cases was placed by the DG (Prison) along with reports received from Police, Probation/District Probation Officer of Social Welfare Departments, Medical/Health status report, case brief/offence details, status of co-accused, conduct in prison etc.
7. Accordingly, the Board examined both the cases on merit basis and the recommendation of the Board has been detailed against each of them.

Item No.-1; The case of Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan S/o Sh. Vishwanath Singh — (Age-49 Yrs.)

1. The matter pertains to consideration of the request for remission of convict Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan son of Vishwanath Singh. Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan was convicted in FIR No. 192/2002 P.S Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh for the offences under Sections 302/364/201 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).
2. The convict Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan alongwith other convicts Vikas Yadav (son of D.P Yadav) and Vishal Yadav (Nephew of D.P Yadav) had committed the murder of Nitish Katara after kidnapping him from the wedding venue of Shivani Gaur in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. The motive for the murder was that the deceased Nitish Katara and Miss Bharti Yadav (Daughter of D.P Yadav/Sister of Convict Vikas Yadav) were in an intimate relationship which was not accepted by convicts Vikas Yadav and Vishal Yadav causing them alongwith Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan to commit the murder of Nitish Katara. In the case Of Vikas Yadav v. State of U.P., reported in (2016) 9 SCC 541 the Hon'ble Supreme Court was pleased to make the following observations which reveals the motive for the crime: -

"67. On a careful scrutiny of the judgment of conviction, it is seen that the High Court has taken note of the facts that the deceased Nitish Katara and Bharti Yadav (sister of Vikas Yadav; first cousin sister of Vishal Yadav and daughter of Shri D.P. Yadav who was also the employer of Sukhdev @ Pehalwan) were in an intimate relationship aiming towards permanency; that the family members of Bharti Yadav, including Vikas and Vishal Yadav, were opposed to this relationship; that the aversion stemmed from the reason that Nitish Katara did not belong to the same caste as that of Bharti Yadav, that



his family belonged to the service class and belonged to economically lower strata; that Vishal Yadav and Sukhdev @ Pehalwan had not been invited to the wedding and had no reason for being there, other than perpetration of the crime; that Nitish Katara was abducted from the wedding venue by the appellants with the common intention to murder him; that in furtherance of their common intention Nitish Katara was thereafter murdered by the appellants; that after murdering Nitish Katara, the appellants removed his clothes, wristwatch and mobile from his person and set aflame his dead body with the intention of preventing identification of the body and destroying evidence of the commission of the offence; that immediately after the incident, the three appellants absconded; that the dead body of Nitish Katara was found at 9.30 a.m. in the morning of 17-2-2002 in a completely burnt, naked and unidentifiable condition on Shikharpur Road which was recovered by Khurja Police; that the body was having a lacerated wound on the head, a fracture in the skull, laceration and haematoma in the brain immediately below the fracture; that Vikas and Vishal Yadav deliberately misled the police and took them to three places in Alwar (Rajasthan) to search for Tata Safari vehicle which was obviously not there; that Vikas and Vishal Yadav jointly misled the police to the taxi stand behind Shamshan Ghat (cremation ground) in Panipat to search for the Tata Safari which was again not there, and, en route to Chandigarh for the same purpose, got recovered the Tata Safari vehicle bearing Registration No. PB 07 H 0085 recovered from the burnt down factory premises of M/s A.B. Coltex Ltd.; that the appellant Sukhdev @ Pehalwan absconded for over three-and-half years despite extensive searches, raids, issuance of coercive process, attachment even at his native village and that he could be arrested only on 23-2-2005 after he fired at police patrol party."

3. Brief summary of the sentence imposed by the Learned Trial Court on Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan 12/07/2011 is as under:

"U/S 302 IPC - RI for Life & Fine Rs. 10,000/- ID 02 years RI
U/S 364 IPC - RI for 07 Years & Fine Rs. 5,000/- ID for 06 Months RI
U/S 201 IPC - RI for 03 Years & Fine Rs. 5,000/- ID for 06 Months RI"

4. In Crl. A. No. 145/2012 the Hon. High Court of Delhi on 06/02/2015 enhanced the sentences imposed on Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan as under:

"U/S 302 IPC - Life Imprisonment which shall be 20 Years of actual imprisonment without consideration of remission & fine Rs. 10,000/- ID 01 Months SI
U/S 364 IPC - RI for 10 Years & Fine Rs. 5,000/- ID for 15 days SI
U/S 201/24 IPC - RI for 05 Years & Fine Rs. 5,000/- ID for 15 days
US 302/364/34 IPC sentences shall run concurrently and U/S 201/24 IPC sentence will run consecutively".

5. The Orders of the Hon. High Court stood confirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 03/10/2016 in Criminal Appeal Nos. 1531-33 of 2015 with Nos. 1528-30 of 2015, decided on October 3, 2016, where the only modification on the sentence was that all the sentences would run concurrently.

6. Before proceeding to consider the application of Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan for remission, it will be worthwhile to consider the eligibility criteria laid down in the Order dated 16/07/2004 of the Government of NCT of Delhi bearing No. F.18/5/94/Home(Genl)/ as well as the provisions of the Delhi Jail Manual, 2018.

7. Entry 1251 of the Delhi Jail Manual provides that the Sentence Review Board shall have the discretion to recommend to release a convict at an appropriate time in all cases considering the circumstances the circumstances in which the crime was committed and other relevant factors like:

- "(a) Whether the convict has lost his potential for committing crime considering his overall conduct in Jail during the 14 years incarceration.*
- (b) The possibility of reclaiming the convict as a useful member of the society and*
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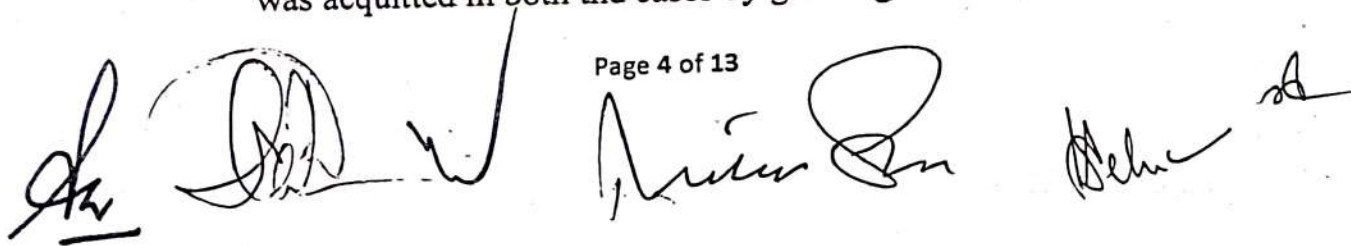
8. The same criteria is also contained in the Order dated 16/07/2004 of the Government of NCT of Delhi. The Superintendent Jail though the Director General Prisons has put up a report before this Board containing recommendations of the relevant departments for consideration of the Sentence Review Board. The gist of the same is as under:

(A) Details of convict and sentence undergone by him -

- The convict is presently age 49 years and has spent 20 years of imprisonment (actual).

(B) Recommendation of Police and Social Investigation Department-

- As per police report dated 11.03.2025, received from the Senior Police Commissioner (Crime), Ghaziabad, UP. Convict had committed the aforesaid brutal crime under their jurisdiction in P S Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad and has expressed the possibility to commit crime again by the convict if released. Further, at present the family of the convict is residing in District Kushinagar, U. P. Hence, report with regard to his character have to be collected from the Distt. concerned.
- As per police report dated 11.03.2025, received from the Superintendent of Police, Kushinagar, U.P. Convict is also remained involved in two other criminal cases of 307 IPC & 25 A. Act of 2005 respectively of Distt. Kushinagar, U.P. However, on 21.09.2015 he was acquitted in both the cases by granting him benefit of doubt. It is



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further stated by the police that the convict belongs to the criminal mentality and if released from the jail, the law and order situation of locality could be badly affected and convict may indulge in crime again.

- As per Report dated 07.03.2025 received from the Probation Officer, Department of Social Welfare, Delhi 'Nothing conclusive can be said about the convict' as the DPO report from Home Town does not mention socio-economic condition of the family, statement of family or neighbour et
- As per Report dated 05.02.2025 received from the Distt. Probation Officer, Kushinagar, UP. They have 'Neither recommended nor opposed' the premature release of the convict.

(C) Parameters to evaluate whether the convict has lost his potential for committing crime and possibility of reclaiming the convict as a useful member of the society -

- Conduct – 'Satisfactory (except 03 old punishments)'
- Economic status – 'Poor'
- Family structure and responsibility – 'wife & 05 children'
- Bail – 'Nil'
- Parole – '02 (Nothing adverse reported during parole)'
- Furlough – '00'
- Work performed in jail – 'Ward Sahayak'
- Future plan – 'Farming'
- Punishments – '(a) 10/07/2013 – Assault with Ward Sahayak
(b) 05/02/2017 – Recovery of prohibited items
(c) 27/11/2017 – Recovery of prohibited articles'

9. As per the recommendation of the Superintendent Jail, Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan is to be granted remission keeping in view the norms of the Delhi Jail Manual.

10. The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi while disposing of the appeals of the convicts including the appeal of Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan had however issued a direction that whenever they move an application for grant of parole or remission, notice is to be issued by the appropriate Government to Miss Nilam Katara (Mother of deceased Nitish Katara) and Mr. Ajay Katara (Private Witness – PW 2 in the main trial). Accordingly, notices were issued to them and both were granted a personal hearing by the Board. Miss Nilam Katara accompanied by her Advocate, Miss Vrinda Bhandari as well as Mr. Ajay Katara have made oral submissions and have filed written submissions in their support.

11. While the recommendation of the Superintendent jail was for grant of remission, Miss Nilam Katara and Mr. Ajay Katara have produced material before this Board which has a material bearing on the factors to be considered for the grant of remission. Apart from their submissions regarding the gravity of offence being an honour killing, Miss Nilam Katara has produced copies of 02 Orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in WP (Cr.) 1848/2020 filed by Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan, in which he was praying for grant of regular parole. On 06/02/2025 the Hon'ble high Court recorded the following Order:

"CRL.M.A. 12407/2022

1. *The conduct here of the Petitioner is most inappropriate and has adopted all tactics to make an endeavour to influence the Court.*
2. *In the circumstances, matter be put before another Bench, subject to the Orders of Hon'ble the Judge Incharge, Criminal Side on 14.02.2025".*

12. The Hon'ble High Court has observed that Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan was trying to influence the Hon'ble High Court in proceedings relating to his parole. The matter was therefore transferred to another Bench of the Hon'ble High Court which on 19/02/2025 has recorded:

"CRL.M.A. 5358/2025

1. *This is an application filed by the Petitioner seeking a direction to a central agency other than Delhi Police to conduct an enquiry to find out the persons, who tried to influence this Court as recorded in the Order dated 06.02.2025 and register a case against those persons.*
2. *The order dated 06.02.2025 passed by predecessor bench of this Court reads as under :-*

"CRL.M.A. 12407/2022

1. *The conduct here of the Petitioner is most inappropriate and has adopted all tactics to make an endeavour to influence the Court.*
2. *In the circumstances, matter be put before another Bench, subject to the Orders of Hon'ble the Judge Incharge, Criminal Side on 14.02.2025."*
3. *This Court is of the opinion that the learned Predecessor Bench has already recorded its observations plainly and clearly. Since the Predecessor Bench did not deem it appropriate to direct any investigation into the matter, this Court finds no reason or basis for this Bench to inquire into the said matter. Moreover, this Court finds no merit in the present application, which is, in fact, devoid of merits.*
4. *Accordingly, the present application stands dismissed".*

13. The observations of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in these Judicial proceedings instituted by the applicant Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan reflects that as late as in the year 2025, he was trying to influence a sitting Judge of the Hon'ble

High Court. This itself indicates that Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan has not lost his potential for committing crime.

14. Sh. Ajay Katara has placed material on record stating that over the years he has been falsely accused in several cases in UP at the behest of the Yadav clan who wanted to settle scores with him for deposing as a witness in the trial leading to their conviction. He has also produced an Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 20/09/2024 passed in the case of "Bhagwan Singh vs. State of UP & Ors" reported in 2024 SCC online SC 2599 in his support.

15. We have carefully gone through the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in case of "Bhagwan Singh vs. State of Up & Ors". The said judgement arose out of proceedings in FIR Case Crime No. 443/2013 registered under Section 363 and 366 IPC in P.S Sahaswan Badaun against 04 accused - Sukhpal, Chetaniya wife of Javahan and Sham Singh with the allegation by the original complainant Bhagwan Singh that these 04 persons had kidnapped his minor daughter. Name of Sh. Ajay Katara was not mentioned in the FIR. The victim, that is the daughter of Bhagwan Singh, appeared in connected proceedings before the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad in a Writ Petition where her statement was directed to be recorded under Section 161 CrPC and 164 CrPC. In her statement she introduced a new story saying that Mr. Ajay Katara had abused her for 08 days when she had reached Ghaziabad. The I.O. after inquiry closed the investigation in Crime Case No. 443/2013 on 20/12/2013 qua Ajay Katara. No protest petition was moved by the victim or Bhagwan Singh regarding closure of the case. After a gap of 05 years on 20/06/2018 the victim moved the ACJM Court on 20/06/2018 stating that police has not taken any steps to arrest the accused Ajay Katara. Ultimately, entire proceedings were challenged before the Hon'ble High Court by Sh. Ajay Katara which by Order dated 16/12/2019 quashed the proceedings against him in the said FIR. After 04 years a petition was filed before the Hon'ble High Court for recall of the Order dated 16/12/2019 which was dismissed on 02/04/2024. Against the said Order SLP was filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the name of Bhagwan Singh v/s State of UP & Ors.

16. During the proceedings Bhagwan Singh himself appeared before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and stated that he has not filed any appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Upon further inquiry being conducted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, it was found that in proceedings before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the name of Bhagwan Singh, 08 advocates had appeared who were the very same Advocates had also appeared by co-convict Vikas Yadav in the Hon'ble Supreme Court in another case. Ultimately, the Hon'ble Supreme Court recorded in para 20 of the Judgement as under :

"(viii) As transpiring from the affidavit filed by the Respondent No.2 Mr. Ajay Katara that since he was a star witness in the famous Nitish Katara case, and on the basis of whose evidence the accused Vikas Yadav and Vishal Yadav, who happened to be the son and nephew of Mr. D.P. Yadav, Ex-Minister, and M.P. were convicted, he was falsely implicated in number of cases. This is one of such cases, filed in the name of Bhagwan Singh, at the instance of Respondent No. 3 Sukhpal, Respondent No. 2 Rinki, with the help of their Advocates appearing for them in the High Court and this Court."

17. Further, in paras 25 and 26 the Hon'ble Supreme Court observed as under:

"24. From the aforesaid state of affairs, we are of the opinion that the Respondent No. 3 Mr. Sukhpal, son of Rishipal and Respondent No. 4 Ms. Rinki, wife of Sukhpal, with the able assistance of a battery of advocates in the Supreme Court namely AOR Mr. Anubhav Yashwant Yadav, Mr. R.P.S. Yadav, Mr. Karan Singh Yadav along with the Advocate and notary Mr. A.N. Singh, and a battery of Advocates in the High Court namely Santosh Kumar Yadav, Jai Singh Yadav, Alok Kumar Yadav and Karan Singh Yadav and many other unknown persons had made brazen attempts to falsely implicate the Respondent No. 2 Ajay Katara by filing false proceedings in the name of Bhagwan Singh in the High Court and Supreme Court, by filing false and fabricated documents. Though, the said Bhagwan Singh had never met any of the said Advocates nor had instructed any advocates to file the proceedings in the High Court or the Supreme Court and, though he had never met his daughter Rinki and son-in-law, Sukh Pal since the time they had eloped and married with each other in 2013, they with the help and assistance of the said Advocates had tried to misuse and abuse the process of law and malign the stream of justice.

25. It is also very pertinent to note that as stated earlier, the said Respondent no. 2-Ajay Katara was the star witness in the famous Nitish Katara Murder Case and on the basis of his evidence along with the other evidence the accused in the said case namely Vikas Yadav and Vishal Yadav, (who happened to be the son and nephew of D.P. Yadav, Ex-Minister and Member of Parliament) were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for life by the trial court. In the appeal, the High Court had confirmed the conviction and further ordered that the said two accused shall not be entitled to any remission till they have completed 25 years of actual sentence. The said judgment was also confirmed by the Supreme Court. Mr. Katara is made to suffer for being witness in the said case. As stated by him in the affidavit, he was subjected to continuous threats and still continues to be under pressure for having appeared as the witness. He has stated that before the said case, he had no case civil or criminal filed against him, and after the said case, he has been continuously targeted with a campaign of false and frivolous cases and named in around thirty-seven cases, including the present one at the behest of Yadav family and their associates. However, he has been cleared in 35 out of 37 cases."

18. The Hon'ble Supreme Court then disposed of the said proceedings directing a CBI inquiry against all the persons involved who had filed a false case in the name of Bhagwan Singh. Pursuant to the said Order FIR No. CBI/SC-III/ND 2024 RC-13 (S)/2024/SC-III/ND dated 22/11/2024 has been registered by the CBI which is under investigation.

19. The observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court clearly provide credibility to the contentions of Sh. Ajay Katara that the Yadav Clan have been consistently trying to implicate him in false cases. This is over and above the fact that there has been attempts made on his life several times regarding which several FIRs stand registered.

20. Keeping in view, the totality of the material produced before this Board, more particularly the material produced by Miss Nilam Katara and Mr. Ajay Katara, this Board is of opinion that at this stage, the convict Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan has not lost his potential for committing crime and there is no possibility of reclaiming him as a useful member of the society. Therefore, the Board after discussion at length unanimously decided to **REJECT** the premature release case of convict Sukhdev Yadav @ Pahelwan S/o Vishwanath Singh at this stage.

Item No. -2; The Case of Md. Arif S/o Sh. Jalaluddin — (Age-36 Yrs.)

1. Background:

This case has been taken up in compliance to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India order dated 25.11.2024 in which the Court directed to place the case of Mohd. Arif before Sentence Review Board for its appropriate decision.

The case of Mohd. Arif was considered lastly on 10.12.2024 and defer his case for premature release for want of certain confirmation. This fact was informed to Hon'ble Supreme Court but the Court did not approve the decision of the Board to defer the case and issued notice to Secretary (Home), Govt. of NCT of Delhi under The Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 and fixed the matter for 28.03.2025.

2. Sentence details:

Md. Arif S/o Sh. Jalaluddin is undergoing life imprisonment in case FIR No. 36/2011, U/S 395/397/34 IPC, P.S. Saraswati Vihar, Delhi for committing robbery/dacoity in a shop. As on 14.10.2023, the convict has undergone imprisonment of 12 years, 06 months & 09 days in actual and 15 years, 03 months & 19 days with remission. He has availed Parole 07 times and Furlough 12 times. The convict was released on furlough on 29.09.2023 and his surrender was fixed for 14.10.2023 but he exempted to surrender till date by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case Writ petition (Criminal) Diary No (s). 48045/2024.

3. Eligibility conditions:

14 years of imprisonment including remission (in accordance to order dated 16.07.2004 of Govt. of NCT of Delhi).

4. Recommendations:

The Board considered the reports received from Police and Social Welfare Departments and took into account all the facts and circumstances of the case. The Addl. Commissioner of Police has strongly opposed his premature release during the meeting in view of that the convict's involvement in multiple criminal cases along with his notorious co-accused(s). As per report dated 11.03.2025 received from Additional DCP North-West District, Delhi the convict is involved in 5 criminal cases though all cases have been decided by the Hon'ble Court and it is presumed that if the convict is released from custody he may indulge in committing similar crimes and can disturb the law and order as well as peace and tranquillity of the area. In view thereof, premature release of the convict is strongly opposed. The Board after considering the criminal involvement of convict, un-satisfactory jail conduct in view of jail punishment, and indication of non-reformative attitude, therefore, possibility of committing crime cannot be ruled out. The Board decided that it may not be in the interest of the society at large to release such a convict considering his involvement in multiple criminal cases and age of the convict. The Board after discussion at length unanimously decided to **REJECT** the premature release case of convict Md. Arif S/o Sh. Jalaluddin at this stage.

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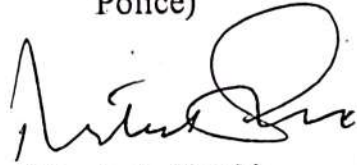
8. In short the summary of recommendations made by Board is given as below:

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(Sanjay Bhatia)

Addl. Commissioner of Police (Crime)
Delhi Police/Member
(As nominated by Commissioner of
Police)



(Reetesh Singh)

Principal Secretary (Law, Justice & LA)
GNCT of Delhi/Member



(Satish Golchha)

Director General of Prisons
GNCT of Delhi/Member Secretary



(Anjali Sehrawat)

Director
Department of Social Welfare
GNCT of Delhi/Member



(Surinder S. Rathi)

District Judge
Central District, Delhi/ Member
(As nominated by D&SJ, Hqs, Delhi)



(A. Anbarasu)

Principal Secretary (Home)
GNCT of Delhi/Member



(Ashish Sood)

Hon'ble Home Minister
GNCT of Delhi/Chairman

Annexure-I**The following members were present on 12.03.2025:**

(i)	Sh. Ashish Sood Hon'ble Home Minister Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Chairman
(ii)	Sh. A. Anbarasu Principal Secretary (Home) Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Member
(iii)	Sh. Satish Golchha Director General of Prisons Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Member Secretary
(iv)	Sh. Surinder S. Rathi District Judge Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi	Member
(v)	Sh. Reetesh Singh Principal Secretary (Law, Justice & LA), Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Member
(vi)	Sh. Devesh Chandra Srivastva Special Commissioner of Police (Crime) Delhi Police (As nominated by Commissioner of Police, Delhi)	Member
(vii)	Sh. Sanjay Kumar DPO, Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Member

Annexure-II

The following members were present on 17.03.2025:

(i)	Sh. Ashish Sood Hon'ble Home Minister Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Chairman
(ii)	Sh. A. Anbarasu Principal Secretary (Home) Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Member
(iii)	Sh. Satish Golchha Director General of Prisons Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Member Secretary
(iv)	Sh. Surinder S. Rathi District Judge Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi	Member
(v)	Sh. Reetesh Singh Principal Secretary (Law, Justice & LA), Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Member
(vi)	Sh. Sanjay Bhatia Addl. Commissioner Of Police (Crime) Delhi Police (As nominated by Commissioner of Police)	Member
(vii)	Ms. Anjali Sehrawat Director, Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Member