

ITEM NO.1

COURT NO.15

SECTION X

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Writ Petition(s)(Criminal) No(s). 66/2024

GHULAM MOHAMMAD BHAT

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 65009/2025 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION

IA No. 41174/2024 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No. 30150/2024 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

Date : 15-07-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTIFor Petitioner(s) Mr. Colin Gonsalves, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Kamran Khwaja, Adv.
Mr. Satya Mitra, AORFor Respondent(s) Mr. K.M.Nataraj, A.S.G.
Mr. Pashupathi Nath Razdan, AOR
Ms. Maitreyee Jagat Joshi, Adv.
Mr. Anuj, Adv.
Mr. Astik Gupta, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Pursuant to our previous order dated 20.05.2025, Mr. K.M. Nataraj, learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, has filed an affidavit bringing on record the order passed by the Competent Authority rejecting the plea for premature release of the petitioner.

2. The main thrust of the argument and the basis of the decision of the State Government is that under the relevant policy of the State Government, any person convicted for life imprisonment in

connection with a terrorist crime cannot be released.

3. In view of the above, we are not inclined to entertain the prayer for premature release at this stage.

4. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner, after some arguments, prays that he may be permitted to file an interlocutory application seeking amendment to challenge the validity of the said policy as it is against constitutional provisions.

5. It is further submitted that similar policy was also under challenge in another matter i.e., Writ Petition(Criminal) No. 348 of 2023, which has been allowed in favour of the petitioner-convict.

6. Be that as it may, as prayed for by learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner, liberty is granted to file such interlocutory application seeking amendment.

7. List on 05.08.2025.

(VARSHA MENDIRATTA)
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(ANJALI PANWAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)