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The Home Secretary to Government,
Punjab.

To

The Inspector-General of Prisons,
Punjab.

Mem. No. 8530-6JJ-78/21318
Dated Chandigarh, the 9 June, 1978.

Subject:-

Pre-mature release of female and juvenile prisoners
whose death sentence was commuted to life imprison-
ment on the acceptance of mercy petition.

Reference correspondence resting with Punjab

Government Memo. No. 403-6JJ-76/3456, dated the 30th January, 76.

Government have recently re-considered the policy

laid down in the above referred to letter regarding premature

release of life convicts whose death sentence is commuted on

mercy petition. It has been decided that this decision shall

continue to be followed but female and juvenile prisoners might

not be made to undergo the longer term(s) of actual imprisonment,

as per present policy. After careful consideration of the matter,

the State Government have taken the following decisions, in

this behalf:-

i) the previous decision is modified to the extent that
female and juvenile prisoners (under 20 years at the
time of commission of offence), in whose case the
death sentence is commuted, on mercy petition, to
life imprisonment should, ordinarily, serve at least
4 years actual imprisonment, excluding remission;

ii) the cases of such life convicts may, however, be
considered for premature release when they complete
10 years actual imprisonment and 15 years including
remission provided their conduct in the jail remains
good throughout;

iii) where the State Government decides to order premature
release of such female and juvenile prisoners, the
convict would be put under bond for the remaining
period, falling short of 20 years.

You are requested to convey the above decisions to

Superintendents of all Jails in the State. The rolls of such

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female and juvenile convicts should be submitted to Government for consideration, on the completion of 10 years' substantive imprisonment after getting the required recommendations of the District Level Committees and the Superintendent of the Jail concerned. The Superintendents of the Jails may also be directed to indicate, in red ink, about the commutation of death sentence on mercy petition, in the relevant column of the roll.

Deputy Secretary Home (I),
for Home Secretary to Govt. Punjab.