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① Do you think that the Supreme Court needs to lay down norms for release of convicts on remission? Comment.

Remission is the ~~reduction~~ reduction in the sentence without changing its character. Recently remission of 11 convicts involved in 2002 - Gujarat riots, sparked controversy.

What is the issue with remission?

11 convicts convicted for Murder & Gangrape in Bilkis Bano case, have been released prematurely by [S.C.]

Questions raised.

[S.C.] considered, 1992 remission policy prevailed during the conviction in 2008 instead of present day 2014 policy.

No clarity whether the Government of Gujarat's view where the crime has taken place (or) Government of Maharashtra where the trial was transferred has to be considered

Legal measures.

Sxn 435 of crpc . says that States must mandatorily get consult with centre, in cases posed by CBI. But the centre was not consulted in this case

Remission committee - consists of senior ministers incharge of home / law, District Judge, officers for rehabilitation of convicts etc; But Involvement of political members and objection of district judge , affects the legality of committee's decision
Need for SC to lay norms for Remission

The Remission policy 2014 states that the convicts with murder, rape cannot be given Remission. SC must reconsider its decision to consider the policy prevailing at the time of remission ~~conviction~~ rather conviction

Remission committee has to be reformed
to prevent any political interference

Clarity on 'the appropriate government'
whether where crime occurred (or) ^{where} trial happened
has to be clarified,

B ~~Reform the convicts~~

Remission has to be considered
based on humanitarian grounds.

Efforts on to provide checks & balance
in order to reform the convicts released
on remission

[Sc] has to review its judgement
to instill confidence on those who have
been victim of such offense.