

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-4562-2020

Date of Decision: 8.7.2020

Angrej Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA.
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.**

PRESENT: Mr. D.S. Virk, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Vermani, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

RAJAN GUPTA, J. (Oral)

Case has been heard through Video Conferencing in view of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Contends that in the case of co-accused Raj Singh, similar order has been passed. This fact is not disputed by the learned State counsel.

Petitioner seeks eight weeks' parole for meeting his family members in the wake of COVID-19 situation which has arisen. His plea has been rejected by the Deputy Commissioner, Tarn Taran on the ground that he is likely to have connections with the smugglers. However, according to order itself, petitioner is seeking parole for the first time. There is no apprehension that the convict may abscond, if released on parole. As per Section 3(d) of Punjab Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act, 1962, convict can be allowed parole, if he shows a sufficient cause. As per

Punjab, family of the petitioner was severely handicapped and was not able to procure essential commodities. Petitioner has placed reliance on judgment of the Division Bench of this court in ***CRWP-799-2017*** titled as ***Tarsem Singh Vs. State of Punjab*** to contend that convict can be allowed parole to meet his family members.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, we feel that petitioner deserves to be allowed parole for four weeks in the wake of current situation.

Allowed in these terms. Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

July 8, 2020
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No