

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRWP-4940-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 6.8.2020

Azad Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Ms.Bandana Trikha, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr.Mehardeep Singh, Addl.AG, Punjab

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J.

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing in the light of the pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Prayer in the present petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for grant of emergency parole for four/six weeks to look after his father, who is in critical condition due to heart disease.

The petitioner was convicted and sentenced by Court at Wolverhampton, United Kingdom on 26.7.2017 to undergo life imprisonment with recommendation that a minimum of 14 years to be served before the release, on account of murder of his wife.

Reply filed by the State is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner refers to Annexure P-1 to contend that father of the petitioner being old and heart patient as reflected in the hospital record is on the terminal stage. Earlier the petitioner was

allowed parole for four weeks and he did not misuse the same and surrendered before the jail authorities on time.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the prayer of the petitioner.

Heard.

The factum of being the petitioner on parole for 30 days on 19.6.2020 to look after his aged father and that he had surrendered on 20.7.2020 and presently he is in jail is not controverted by the learned State counsel. The condition of the father of the petitioner is stated to be very critical. Keeping in view the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is granted 30 days parole, subject to his furnishing bonds with two local sureties to the satisfaction of the competent authority/ Duty Magistrate. The petitioner shall surrender before the jail authorities on the date and time to be noticed by the releasing Court/ Duty Magistrate.

6.8.2020
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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned?
Whether reportable?

Yes / No
Yes / No