

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

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CRWP-9516-2020

Date of decision : 23.11.2020.

Satnam Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Suram Singh Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking parole for six weeks on the ground of the marriage of his daughter which is scheduled on 29.11.2020.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was an accused in FIR No.136 dated 26.05.2014 under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, Police Station Dharamkot, district Moga on the allegations that 550 grams of nitrazepam was allegedly recovered from him which is marginally above the threshold of 500 grams of commercial quantity. He further contends that the petitioner was convicted by the trial Court on 10.07.2018 and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for ten years. He had preferred an appeal bearing CRA-3970-SB of 2018 before this Court, which is pending adjudication. The petitioner has undergone sentence of four years out of the sentence of ten years and is involved in another case under the NDPS Act wherein recovery of 05 grams heroin was effected and he is on bail in that case. The marriage of the daughter of the petitioner is slated on 29.11.2020 and he may be granted parole for performing the marriage ceremonies.

Reply by way of an affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Dharamkot, district Moga has been filed in Court through e-mail which is taken on record. It has been mentioned therein that the marriage of the daughter of the petitioner is indeed to take place on 29.11.2020 and the petitioner has undergone sentence of 04 years out of the sentence of 10 years. Learned State counsel has drawn by attention to the fact that despite another case under the NDPS Act against the petitioner, he is involved in two other cases under Section 379 IPC. The petitioner was also a proclaimed offender during trial in the year 2015.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner had surrendered and thereafter, he has not misused the concession of bail.

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The marriage of the daughter of the petitioner is slated on 29.11.2020 and the presence of the petitioner would be necessary to perform various ceremonies in connection therewith. The object of parole is for reformation of the convict and to enable the convict to maintain his/her contact with the society at large including his/her family members. It would, thus, be in the interest of justice if the petitioner is granted parole for a period of one week.

Consequently, the petition is allowed and the petitioner shall be released on parole on 24.11.2020 at 11.00 a.m. for a period of one week subject to his furnishing necessary surety bonds to the satisfaction of the competent authority. The petitioner shall report back at Central Jail, Faridkot on 01.12.2020 by 05.00 pm.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

November 23, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No