

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

CRWP No.9747-2020

Date of Decision:24.11.2020

Harjinder Singh @ Mohini

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH**

Present: Mr.Brijesh Nandan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.SPS Tinna, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

SANT PARKASH, J.

[The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court.]

The petitioner is seeking parole for two weeks to attend the 'Bhog Ceremony' of his mother, who is stated to be died on 13.11.2020.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was an accused in FIR No.155 dated 09.06.2014 under Sections 21 and 25 of the NDPS Act, Police Station Cantonment Amritsar. The petitioner stands convicted under Section 21 of the NDPS Act and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for twelve years. He further submits that the petitioner had preferred an appeal bearing CRA-D-975-DB-2016, which is pending adjudication. He next submits that the mother of the petitioner had expired on 13.11.2020 and 'Bhog Ceremony' is stated to be held on 28.11.2020. Thus, he prays for grant of two weeks' parole to the petitioner as his presence at the 'Bhog Ceremony' would be necessary for performing rituals as per Sikh religion, being the only son.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Atarjinder Singh submits that 'Bhog Ceremony' of the mother of the petitioner is indeed to take place on 28.11.2020. He further submits that the presently the petitioner is lodged in Central Jail, Amritsar.

This Court has heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the case file.

It is not disputed that the 'Bhog Ceremony' of the mother of the petitioner is slated on 28.11.2020 and the presence of the petitioner would be necessary to attend 'Bhog Ceremony'. 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 5 days.

Consequently, the petition is allowed and the petitioner shall be released on parole from 25.11.2020 to 29.11.2020 subject to his furnishing necessary surety bonds to the satisfaction of the CJM/Duty Magistrate, Amritsar. The petitioner shall surrender before the concerned jail authorities on 29.11.2020 by 5.00 PM.

(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE

24.11.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes / No
Whether Reportable:	Yes / No