

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH
(Heard through VC)**

**CRWP No. 3290 of 2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 6.4.2021**

Vikas Walia

...Petitioner

Versus

Union Territory, Chandigarh and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Ms. Nupur Choudhary, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

By way of instant petition, the petitioner is seeking extension of the parole that has been allowed to him on the ground that he was tested positive of COVID-19 on 4.4.2021 and is in self isolation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that the petitioner, who is 52 years old, would not be able to surrender on 7.4.2021 as he has been tested positive for COVID-19 (as per report of the POLO Lab Pvt. Ltd. Annexure P/8).

Notice of motion.

Mr. Ashu Mohan Punchhi, Public Prosecutor, Union Territory, Chandigarh, who is present through the medium of video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of respondent—Union Territory, Chandigarh and would submit that adequate provision has been made in the jail for the prisoners who have been tested COVID-19 positive. It is submitted that there is no need for grant of any extension to the petitioner to surrender, as

he would be looked after even if he has been found to be COVID-19 positive. It is submitted that the petitioner should present himself before the Government Multi Specialty Hospital, Sector 16, Chandigarh, where there is a provision to test prisoners for COVID-19 virus and in case he is found to be positive, he would be kept separate from other inmates of the jail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and find that there is no ground to extend the parole to the petitioner, who is scheduled to surrender on 7.4.2021. The petitioner herein is to surrender before the authorities at Government Multi Specialty Hospital, Sector 16, Chandigarh by tomorrow by 10 a.m. and on his surrender, he would be tested immediately for COVID-19 and give him proper medical attention.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

6.4.2021

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether Reportable : No