

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

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CRWP-4284-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision:07.05.2021

RAM NIWAS

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present : Mr. KBS Mann, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. RS Thind, DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner who has been convicted under Section 18 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, vide judgment dated 05.10.2011 prays for temporary suspension of sentence/parole for attending the marriage function of his grand-daughter which is stated to be fixed for 14.05.2021. The petitioner was sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 10 years.

At present, the entire country including the State of Punjab is facing spread of Covid-19 virus. There is a huge surge in number of cases. Hence, keeping in view the safety of other inmates, it would not be appropriate to grant parole to the petitioner.

Hence, disposed of.

07.05.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Whether reportable:

**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Yes / No

Yes / No