

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

CRM-M-34892-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 02.03.2020

Gurpreet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN

Present: Mr. K.S. Mamrat, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Karan Garg, AAG, Haryana.

H.S. MADAAN, J. (Oral)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

Petitioner Gurpreet Singh was convicted and sentenced by Addl. Sessions Judge, Ambala, vide judgment dated 25.04.2012. Feeling aggrieved, the petitioner-accused had approached this Court by way of filing an appeal, which has since been admitted for regular hearing.

It is stated that passport of petitioner/accused/convict had been taken into possession by the police during investigation of the case and its term has expired; the petitioner wants to go abroad to meet his father; he had moved an application before the Court of Addl. Sessions Judge, Ambala, seeking release/return of his passport, which is dated 03.03.2020 but the said application has not been decided so far. Therefore, the petitioner has knocked at the door of this Court by way of

filing the present petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C., notice of which has been given to the State and it is being represented by the State counsel.

Ld. State counsel has informed that on account of outbreak of COVID-19, the disposal of the application has got delayed and now it is listed for 15.03.2021 for final disposal before the Court of learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Ambala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner would be satisfied if a direction is issued to learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Ambala to dispose of his application promptly.

Under the circumstances, the present petition is disposed of, directing Addl. Sessions Judge, Ambala to dispose of the application for release/return of the passport so moved by the present petitioner, either on the next date of hearing, fixed as 15.03.2021 and if for any reason, it cannot be done, then within a period of one month thereafter.

02.03.2021

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**(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE**

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