

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

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**CRM-M No.40632 of 2021(O&M)
Date of decision :01.10.2021**

Shahnawaz Ghulam Choratwala

.....Petitioner

Versus

Narcotic Control Bureau, Sector 25, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Ashish Pal Kaushal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Gurmeet Kaur Gill, Senior Standing Counsel
for the respondent-NCB.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks *ad-interim* regular bail in case bearing crime No.14 dated 26.02.2020, registered with Narcotic Control Bureau, Chandigarh, under Sections 8, 20, 23(c), 27-A, 28, 29 and 60 of NDPS Act, on account of sudden demise of his mother.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is to perform the last rituals of his mother, who expired on 23.09.2021.

On the last date of hearing, this Court requested the learned counsel for the respondent-NCB to take instructions regarding the demise of the mother of the petitioner who is alleged to be passed away on 23.09.2021.

Today learned Senior Standing counsel, on instructions from Amit Tomar, Intelligence Officer-NCB, submits that the mother of the petitioner died on 23.09.2021.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Since the petitioner has lost his mother and he is to perform the last rituals of his mother, the petitioner is ordered to be released on interim regular bail for 15 days from today, on execution of the bail bonds in the sum of Rs.1 lac with one local surety of equal amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petitioner shall surrender before the jail authorities on 16.10.2021 at 4.00 p.m.

01.10.2021

Rajeev (rvs)

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No