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

CRWP-10608-2021
Date of decision : 11.11.2021

Manpreet Singh @ Mannu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Ravi Kamal Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. N.K. Banka, DAG, Punjab.

(Through Video Conferencing)

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

This is a Criminal Writ Petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India read with Section 482 of Cr.P.C. read with Section 3 (aa) of the Punjab Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act, 1962, for issuance of directions to the respondents for the release of the petitioner on parole for 4 weeks to meet and look after his ailing family.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner alongwith other co-accused were convicted and sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life in FIR No.205 dated 25.11.2009 registered under Sections 302/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Sector-19, Chandigarh and the appeal therefrom had also been dismissed by the Division Bench of this Court on 26.05.2014. He has further submitted that the petitioner

is the sole bread earner in his family and that the mother of the petitioner is not well. It is contended that the petitioner had moved an application in August, 2021 before the Superintendent, Maximum Security Jail, Nabha-respondent No.3 but however, no action has been communicated to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that the petitioner would be satisfied in case final decision is taken by respondent No.3 on the application moved by the petitioner in August, 2021 within a period of 10 days from the date of receipt of copy of this order, in accordance with law.

Notice of motion.

On advance notice, Mr. N.K. Banka, DAG, Punjab, appears and accepts notice on behalf of the State and has stated that he is fully prepared to argue the matter and assist this Court. He has further submitted that the decision would be taken by respondent No.3 on an application moved by the petitioner within a period of 10 days in accordance with law.

Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present Criminal Writ Petition is disposed of with directions to respondent No.3-Superintendent, Maximum Security Jail, Nabha, to take a decision on an application moved by the petitioner in August, 2021 as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of 10 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law.

However, it is made clear that nothing stated above shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case and decision shall be taken by the authorities independently.

11.11.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No
Whether reportable:- Yes/No