

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

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**CRWP-11321-2021
Date of decision: 03.12.2021**

BALJIT SINGH

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ**

Present : Mrs. Bhupindr Pal Kaur Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA. J. (ORAL)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Instant petition has been filed seeking issuance of directions to the respondents to release the petitioner on parole for a period of four weeks to participate in the marriage ceremony of his niece i.e. fixed for 06th December, 2021.

Instant petition had come up for preliminary hearing before this Court on 02nd December 2021 and the same was adjourned for today and in the meanwhile, learned State counsel had been directed to complete instructions.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, learned DAG Punjab opposes the prayer for

parole in terms of the custody certificate that has been forwarded. It is submitted that the petitioner had earlier been released on parole on 05th February, 2020 for eight weeks. He had been directed to surrender on 27th February, 2021 and he jumped parole and thereafter was rearrested and admitted to Jail on 05th July 2021.

That apart, learned State counsel otherwise concedes that the marriage of the niece of the petitioner is fixed for 06th December 2021.

We find that a petition seeking parole had been filed by the brother of the petitioner namely Sukhdarshan Singh i.e., father of the bride bearing CRWP No.11030 of 2021 and vide order dated 29th November 2021, directions had been issued for the petitioner-therein namely Sukhdarshan Singh to be taken to the venue of wedding under custody on 06th December, 2021 itself at 9:00 AM and thereafter to be brought back to the Jail premises at 7:00 PM on 06th December, 2021 itself.

Petitioner admittedly is currently serving his sentence at Central Jail, Ludhiana. The wedding venue also happens to be at Ludhiana itself.

Keeping in view the previous conduct of the petitioner, the prayer for grant of parole to the petitioner for a period of four weeks is declined.

However, keeping in view the order that has already been passed granting parole in favour of Sukhdarshan Singh i.e., brother of the petitioner and father of the bride, the instant petition is also disposed of in terms of the directions passed by this Court vide order dated 29th November, 2021, while disposing of CRWP No.11030 of 2021.

Present petitioner be also taken to the venue of the wedding

under custody on 06th December, 2021 at 9:00 AM and thereafter be brought back to the Jail premises at 7:00 PM on the same very day.

These directions be complied with strictly by the Jail Superintendent, Central Jail, Ludhiana.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

03.12.2021

S.Sharma(syr)

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*