

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

(106)

**CRWP No 11643 of 2021
Date of Decision : 20.12.2021**

Surjit Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Vivek K. Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Harsimran Singh Sethi J. (Oral)

In the present petition, the challenge is to the order dated 25.11.2021 (Annexure P-8) passed by Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar, by which prayer of the petitioner for the grant of parole has been rejected on the ground that in case, the same is granted, the petitioner is likely to indulge in the same illegal activities again as 16 FIRs have been registered against him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that while passing the said order, the respondents have totally ignored the factum that during the pandemic of Covid-19, the petitioner was released from the jail and remained out on parole keeping in view the recommendation of the High Power Committee and nothing untoward was reported against him and hence, the ground given by the respondents to deny the petitioner the benefit of parole, is without any application of mind.

Learned State counsel very fairly submits that keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case, the plea of the petitioner for the grant of parole needs re-consideration at the hands of the State. Learned State counsel submits that appropriate fresh order will be passed within a period of two weeks by taking into consideration all the relevant facts including the factum that during the pandemic of Covid-19, the petitioner was released from the jail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the

fact that the impugned order is being re-considered by the authorities, no further grievance of the petitioner survives in the present petition and the same may kindly be disposed of as such having been not pressed any further.

Ordered accordingly.

December 20, 2021
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : Yes