



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

CRWP-695-2025

Reserved on: 11.09.2025

Pronounced on: 19.09.2025

Ranjit Singh alias Rana

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE LAPITA BANERJI**

Present: Mr. Ajay Kumar, Advocate for
Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Shekhar Verma, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J.

1. Through this petition, the petitioner seeks quashing of order dated 10.01.2025 through which the respondents have rejected the petitioner's request for being granted parole.

2. FIR No.126 dated 23.08.2013, under various sections of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short- the NDPS Act) was registered against the petitioner at police station Gharinda. After the petitioner's arrest the matter was investigated and the police filed



its report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. on the basis whereof charges were framed against the petitioner. A trial ensued resulting in the petitioner's conviction. Accordingly, the Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Amritsar directed the petitioner to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment for 20 years along with fine.

3. After the petitioner had undergone about 04 years of actual custody he made an application to the respondents for grant of parole which has been declined through the impugned order primarily for the reason that in addition to the instant case the petitioner faces/faced other cases under the NDPS Act and therefore, if released on parole he may indulge in smuggling leading to breach of law and order in the State as also for the reason that the respondents apprehended that during the period of his parole, the petitioner may also abscond.

4. Learned counsel for the parties have been heard and with their able assistance the record of the case has also been perused.

5. A perusal of the petitioner's custody certificate produced by the State before us reveals that during the course of his trial the petitioner was enlarged on bail from 27.04.2016 till 18.01.2024 and during this period of about 08 years the petitioner did not abscond. It is true, that on 15.10.2023 another case under the NDPS Act was registered against the petitioner but the record reveals that such case pertains to the recovery of only 15.30 grams of heroin and that too not from the petitioner. Further, in that case the petitioner was nominated as an accused on the basis of a disclosure statement by co-accused-Ranjit Singh son of Inderjit Singh and



that through order dated 06.03.2024, passed by a learned Single Judge of this Court in CRM-M-63705-2023 - Ranjit Singh @ Rana vs U.T. Chandigarh, the petitioner has also been granted bail.

6. In the light of the above facts the apprehensions expressed by the State that while on parole the petitioner may abscond and that his release on parole may lead to breach of law and order in the State are found to be exaggerated claims.

7. The petitioner has been in custody since long. While undergoing imprisonment, it is important that he should be permitted to maintain family ties and that he remains connected with the society.

8. In the light of the above discussion, the impugned order is set aside and the petitioner is directed to be released on parole for a period of 08 weeks from the date of his release. However, the same would be subject to his furnishing adequate surety to the satisfaction of the competent authority.

9. The petition is allowed in the above terms.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

(LAPITA BANERJI)
JUDGE

19.09.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No