



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

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CRWP-5741-2025.**Date of Decision: 31.07.2025.**

Harpreet Singh @ Happy

....Petitioner.

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA**

Present: Ms. Kamlesh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Aftab Singh Khara, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents to grant him eight weeks parole under Section 3(1)(d) of Punjab Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act, 1962.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been awarded sentence of life imprisonment under Section 302 read with Sections 34 and 120-B IPC and different provisions of Arms Act, 1959. He is in custody since 06.07.2019. On an earlier occasion, he had been granted four weeks parole on medical ground and had surrendered within the stipulated period and did not misuse the concession.

3. Learned State counsel has filed reply by way of short affidavit of District Magistrate, Malerkotla, which is taken on record. He while referring to the reply submits that the petitioner is involved in several cases and has been convicted in two cases under Section 307 IPC and in a case under Section 379 IPC. He has also been acquitted in three cases.

4. Heard.

5. The petitioner had been convicted under Section 302 read with Sections 34 and 120-B IPC in FIR No.107 dated 30.10.2017, registered at Police Station Sandaur, District Malkerkotla and is undergoing his sentence of life imprisonment. He is also stated to be convicted in three cases under Sections 307 and 379 IPC. Apart from his parents, the petitioner has his wife and minor daughter to look after. The petitioner had earlier been granted the concession of parole and he did not misuse the same. The petitioner is not involved in any criminal activity since 2017. Therefore, the apprehension expressed by the authority that there is high risk of committing another offence is unfounded and baseless. It is necessary for a convict to maintain his contact with society to enable his reformation and transform him into a responsible citizen at the time of his release after completion of sentence. It would be in the interest of justice if the petitioner is ordered to be released on parole for a period of six weeks.

6. Consequently, the petition is allowed. The petitioner shall be released on parole for a period of six weeks subject to his furnishing necessary surety bonds to the satisfaction of the competent authority and on expiry of six weeks, he shall surrender to the concerned jail.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

31.07.2025

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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/ No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/ No