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

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CRWP-12007-2025
Date of decision: 19.11.2025

RAJINDER SINGH

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB THROUGH ITS SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF
HOME

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: - Mr. Kamil Nagpal, Advocate and
Mr. Utkarsh Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Senior DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed seeking directions to the respondents to grant temporary parole to the convict-inmate Rajinder Singh for a period of 10 days from 20.11.2025 to 30.11.2025 on account of the marriage of his daughter scheduled on 26.11.2025.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner stands convicted and sentenced for 10 years, in case bearing FIR No. 30 dated 23.04.2022, registered under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, at Police Station Ghall Khurd. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits the

petitioner is in continuous custody since 23.04.2022 and has already undergone more than three years of incarceration. It is further submitted that CRA-S-114-2025 filed by the petitioner is pending adjudication before this Court. Learned counsel would further submit that a representation dated 28.10.2025 by the daughter of the petitioner for seeking parole, has also been sent to the Superintendent, District Jail, Ferozepur.

3. In the said representation, the petitioner's daughter stated that the conduct of the petitioner was satisfactory throughout and that there was no adverse report against him. She thus prayed that the petitioner be released on temporary parole so that he could attend and perform her marriage ceremonies.

4. In compliance to the order dated 11.11.2025 passed by this Court, reply by way of affidavit of Shyamal Jyoti, Superintendent Central Jail, Ferozepur has been filed on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4 in the Court today and the same is taken on record. The relevant extract thereof reads thus:-

"9. That it is further pertinent to mention here that the petitioner has already availed 112 days parole w.e.f. 25-02-2025 to 23-04-2025 and 21-08-2025 to 17-10-2025 and he has surrendered back in jail within the stipulated time. Therefore, the answering respondent is unable to initiate his temporary parole case from 20-11-2025 to 30-11-2025 as per the instructions regarding parole issued by the office of Additional Director General of Police(Jails), Punjab, Chandigarh vide letter no.G.I/P-2/704-727 dated 09-01-2020. It is further submitted that the petitioner has already availed the maximum benefit of parole as the statute prescribes.

10. That there is neither any provision in the Punjab Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act, 1962 nor any other statute that the answering respondent is governed by to grant emergency parole on ground of marriage.

11. That the respondent no.4 i.e. the District Magistrate, Ferozepur has authorized to the answering respondent to file the reply on their behalf vide office letter No.2025/Peshi/Ahlmad-2/642 Dated 13/11/2025 as Annexure R-3/T.”

5. It is evident from the above that marriage of the daughter of the petitioner on 26.11.2025 is not disputed. It is also not disputed that the petitioner has not been accused of any prison offence or abuse of parole. He surrendered in time, on all occasions.

6. This Court would not lose sight of the fact that prisoners too are persons of family and society and would have certain duties towards family. Certain obligations and duties are to be performed by them as parents as well. When law aims towards granting opportunity to the prisoner to reform, law and law enforcement has to extend an assurance that the process of law is not being invoked to annihilate his desires and wishes for his children but to use them to instill goodness and zeal for reform. Instilling remorse and feeling of dejection, for rest of life, is not the underlying idea behind punishment. The aim is towards realization of fault, channelizing remorse as a fuel for reform.

7. Hence, in view of the above-said facts and circumstances, the present petition, is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on ten days' parole commencing from **21.11.2025 to 01.12.2025**, subject to his

furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned District Magistrate/Duty Magistrate/Illaqa Magistrate.

8. The petitioner shall surrender before the Jail Authorities, on 01.12.2025 by or at 5:00 P.M.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

NOVEMBER 19, 2025
Vishal Sharma

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