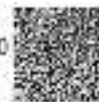


**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

2026.PHHC:051790



(134)

CRWP-1923-2026

Raj Kumar @ Raju

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

Decided on : 06.04.2026

Date of uploading: 06.04.2026

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. J.S. Jaidka, Advocate, for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Sumeet Goel, J. (Oral):

1. The substantive prayer made in the instant petition reads thus:

“It is therefore most respectfully prayed that the present criminal writ petition may kindly be allowed and the above said impugned order dated 19/11/2025 (Annexure P-1) may kindly be set aside and the petitioner may kindly be allowed the benefit of parole for a period of 8 weeks to take care of his family.”

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has submitted that the plea of the petitioner for grant of parole has been declined on the ground that his family's financial condition is not good and, therefore, the police department has expressed an apprehension that the petitioner may indulge in drug trafficking, in case he is released on parole. He has further submitted that this ground is not tenable in law. Learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that the penury of an applicant/his family cannot be a ground much less a justifiable ground to deny the relief of parole to an applicant.

3. State has filed reply by way of affidavit of Superintendent, Central Jail, Kapurthala dated 17.03.2026. Learned State counsel while raising arguments in tandem with the said reply has opposed the grant of petition in hand. Learned State counsel has submitted that the local police has not recommended the parole release of the petitioner on lawful grounds. Accordingly, dismissal of the petition in hand is entreated for.

3. Having heard learned counsel for the rival parties and upon perusal of the record; especially keeping in view the factum that the sole ground of declining the parole to the petitioner by the State is that the financial condition of the petitioner and his family is not good &, thus, he is likely to indulge in drug trafficking, cannot be upheld in law.

4. Accordingly, keeping in view the totality of the factual milieu of the case in hand, the impugned order dated 19.11.2025 (Annexure P-1) is set aside & the petitioner is directed to be released on parole for a period of 8 weeks for taking care of his family. The concerned District Magistrate to take requisite steps accordingly.

5. The petition stands allowed, accordingly.

April 06, 2026
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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

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