



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

CRWP-2085-2026

Date of Decision: 20.04.2026

BALJINDER KUMAR ALIAS LAALI

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. D.S. Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Athar Ahmed, DAG, Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

The prayer in the present petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for the issuance of writ or direction to the respondents to release the petitioner on parole for a period of 08 weeks for taking care of his family.

The counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was convicted and sentenced to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment for 10 years in a Trial emanating out of FIR No.178 dated 15.08.2022 under Sections 21, 27 and 29 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station STF Phase-4, SAS Nagar, District Mohali. On account of the old-age of his parents and with a view to meet his children and wife, he seeks 08 weeks parole to fulfil his family obligations.

The learned State Counsel, on the other hand, while referring to the reply dated 29.03.2026, contends that appropriate authorities have found that the petitioner is not entitled to the grant of concession of parole as there is

apprehension that he may indulge in drug trafficking and commit serious crimes after being released on parole. He prays that the present petition be dismissed.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Admittedly, the petitioner is a convict in FIR No.178 dated 15.08.2022 under Sections 21, 27 and 29 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station STF Phase-4, SAS Nagar, District Mohali. He has suffered incarceration for 03 years 08 months and 5 days. Though the reply of the State does indeed state that the appropriate authorities are apprehensive that the petitioner may indulge in drug trafficking and commit serious crimes even after being released on parole, the same is not based on any material available on record. Further, the petitioner is required to fulfil his family obligations qua his parents, children and wife.

In view of the above, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on parole for a period of 04 weeks from the date of his release on such conditions to be imposed upon him by the Trial Court.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

April 20, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No