

224 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2026 PHHC 076147



CRWP-4581-2026 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 14.05.2026

ANKIT ... PETITIONER
VERSUS
STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS ... RESPONDENTS

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Navdeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Vijay Kumar, AAG Haryana.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India read with Section 3 of the Haryana Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act, 2022, for issuing a writ in the nature of certiorari seeking quashing of the speaking order dated 19.03.2026 (Annexure P-1) passed by the respondent No.2 i.e. Divisional Commissioner, Division Karnal, District Karnal vide which respondent No.2 has declined to grant regular parole to the petitioner for a period of 10 weeks on that ground that the petitioner is a habitual offender and is involved in five other cases.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that although the petitioner had earlier jumped bail in the year 2020, but a period of five years has since elapsed and, therefore, he no longer falls within the category of a hardcore prisoner. Moreover, he is not involved in any other case under the Prisons Act. He further submits that the petitioner has undergone actual custody for a period of 11 years and 09 days.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for grant of parole to the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner had earlier

jumped the bail and has filed the custody certificate in Court, which is taken on record. A perusal of the custody certificate reveals that the petitioner has undergone actual custody for a period of 11 years and 09 days.

4. After considering the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the record, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petitioner has undergone actual custody for a period of 11 years and 09 days. Though it has been alleged that the petitioner had earlier jumped bail in the year 2020, however, a period of about five years has elapsed thereafter and no material has been placed on record to show that the petitioner is involved in any offence under the Prisons Act or that his conduct in jail has remained unsatisfactory.

5. In view of the above, the present petition is allowed. The impugned order dated 19.03.2026 (Annexure P-1) passed by respondent No.2 i.e. Divisional Commissioner, Karnal Division, Karnal is hereby quashed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular parole for a period of 04 weeks, subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the competent authority/Duty Magistrate concerned and subject to the condition that he shall surrender before the jail authorities immediately upon expiry of the parole period.

6. It is further directed that during the period of parole, the petitioner shall maintain peace and good behaviour and shall not indulge in any criminal activity. In case the petitioner violates any of the conditions imposed upon him, the State shall be at liberty to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

14.05.2026

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