



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

CRM-M-20025-2025
Date of Decision: 09.04.2025

Anil Kumr Petitioner

Versus

State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Kartar Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner has approached this Court by way of present petition praying for grant of interim bail for 20 days to perform the last rites of his father, namely, Balwan Singh, who expired on 06.04.2025 in case FIR No.21 dated 13.04.2023 under Section 22 of the NDPS Act (Section 29 of the NDPS Act added lateron), registered at Police Station Khanauri, District Sangrur.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that father of the petitioner expired on 06.04.2025 and his last rites are to be performed on 16.04.2025. He submits that presence of the petitioner is essential at that time. He has also placed on record the order passed by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, wherein, the petitioner was allowed to attend cremation of his father and the jail authorities were directed to take him to his village at his own expenses. He, thus, submits that petitioner is a poor person and as he is presently confined in Jail, is unable to pay the expenses.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State. On instructions, he has affirmed the aforesaid facts.



5. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record. As submitted before this Court last, rites of father of the petitioner are to be performed on 16.04.2025. Hence, without going into the merits of the case, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner deserves to be granted interim bail

6. Hence, the present petition is disposed of and the petitioner is granted interim bail for one day i.e. 16.04.2025 to enable the petitioner to perform the last rights of his father. Jail authorities concerned are directed to take the petitioner in police custody to his village on 16.04.2025 at 08:00 A.M. in the morning and take him back to the jail at 06:00 P.M. in the evening. The requisite security be provided by the Senior Superintendent of Police concerned. However, it is clarified that all the expenses would be borne by the State.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

09.04.2025

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No