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

**CRWP-7795-2025 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 22.07.2025**

**Balvir Singh @ Lakha**

**... Petitioner**

**Vs.**

**State of Punjab and others**

**... Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR**

Present: Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

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**HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)**

1. Present criminal writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of direction to respondent No.2 to decide the parole case of the petitioner expeditiously.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the petitioner was convicted and sentenced by learned Judge, Special Court, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, vide judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 13.12.2024, in a case arising out of FIR No.12 dated 07.03.2023 under Section 15 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Aur, District Shaheed



Bhagat Singh Nagar (Nawanshahr), to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 10 years and to pay a fine of Rs.1.00 lakh along with default mechanism. Against the said judgment of conviction and the order of sentence, the petitioner has already filed an appeal i.e. CRA-S-138-2025 before this Court, which stands admitted vide order dated 16.01.2025. Further, in May, 2025, the petitioner moved an application seeking his temporary release on parole for a period of eight weeks in order to meet his family members and respondent No.4 on 08.05.2025 forwarded the same to respondent No.2, who, vide letter dated 13.05.2025 (Annexure P-2), sought report from respondent No.3, after verifying the parole case of the petitioner. However, till date, no action has been taken on the said application, as the petitioner sought parole to provide emotional support and care to his family members. Learned counsel for the petitioner relies upon a judgment of this Court passed in *Jaspal Singh @ Jassa Vs. State of Punjab and others, CRWP-4908-2025, decided on 09.07.2025* and submits that case of the petitioner is squarely covered by the said judgment.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State and submits that the application under Section 3 of Punjab Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act, 1962 moved by the petitioner seeking his temporary release on parole for a period of 08 weeks



would be decided within a period of four weeks.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and after perusing the record of the case with their able assistance, it transpires that the office of Superintendent, Central Jail, Ludhiana had forwarded the case of the petitioner to respondent No.2-District Magistrate, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar vide letter dated 08.05.2025. Further, respondent No.2 sought a report from respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar. However, it appears that the application of the petitioner for temporary release is pending before the concerned authorities for the last more than 02 months.

6. In view of the facts and circumstances of the case and the judgment rendered by this Court in *Jaspal Singh @ Jassa's* case (*supra*), present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-District Magistrate, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, to decide the application filed by the petitioner seeking temporary release on parole of 08 weeks expeditiously, preferably within a period of 04 weeks from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

22.07.2025  
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[ HARPREET SINGH BRAR ]  
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No