

Punjab, Chandigarh.

The District Magistrates  
of all Districts in Punjab.

No. 153 / GI/S.P.  
Dated, Chandigarh, the: - 29.8.2002. ✓

Subject: Grant of Emergency Parole to prisoners  
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Under Section 3(1)(a) of Punjab Good Conduct  
Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act 1962 a prisoner is released  
for two weeks if a member of his family has died or is seriously  
ill. This release is generally known as Emergency Parole.  
According to established procedure for this Emergency Parole  
the Superintendent Jail on the receipt of prisoner's request  
passes the release order and sends it to the concerned District  
Magistrate. The District Magistrate is supposed to take the  
following two steps:-

- 1) To verify whether the ground preferred by the  
prisoner for his release is correct or not.
- 2) To make his opinion whether his release is likely  
to endanger the security of the State or the  
maintenance of public order or not.

2. It is being observed that in practice the District  
Magistrate does not verify the ground of release preferred by  
the prisoner. This provides ample opportunities to the prisoners  
to play foul and secure the release on false grounds.

3. May I request you to ensure that before releasing  
prisoners on Emergency Parole you get the grounds of release  
verified through your machinery as quickly as possible.

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Addl. Director-General of Prisons  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

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