Furlough vs Parole

Why in News?

Convicts of the Hashimpura massacre recently moved the Delhi High Court against a Delhi prison rule about furloughs.

- **Similarities** - Both furlough and parole stem from jail manuals and prison rule.
- Both are conditional releases, subject to good behavior in prison and to not committing specific offences.
- Both are in the domain of executive.

Furlough	Parole
• In furlough, the sentence continues to run despite the convict being released from prison for a specified period of time.	• When the convict is released on parole, the sentence is suspended and the quantum of sentence remains intact.
• Furlough is usually granted in case of long-term imprisonment and after spending a certain period of time incarcerated.	• Paroles are granted in short-term imprisonment,
• It is aimed to prevent solitude of prisoners, allow them to establish family and social ties, a way of motivation for maintaining good conduct, and to remain disciplined in prison.	• It aims to provide relief to prisoners in certain specified exigencies such as illness, sowing and harvesting of crops, and to pursue an appeal against conviction in the SC.
• Granted by the Deputy Inspector General of Prisons.	• Granted by the Divisional Commissioner
• There is limitation in the case of furlough.	• Parole can be granted a number of times.
• Since furlough is not granted for any particular reason, it can be denied in the interest of the society.	• For parole, a specific reason is required.

Delhi prison rules on furlough

- Chapter XIX of the Rules deals with furlough and parole.
- The rules says that if an appeal of a convict is pending before the high court or the period for filing an appeal before the high court has not expired, “furlough will not be granted” by the executive.
- It would be open to the convict to seek appropriate directions from the court.

Reference

The Indian Express | Difference between parole and furlough



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