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

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Date of Decision: 02.06.2017

Gurbachan Singh Salhotra

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. V.P.S.Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ramesh Sharma, Advocate,
for the complainant.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioner-Gurbachan Singh Salhotra has filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.61 dated 03.06.2009, registered at Police Station Mehatpur, Jalandhar, under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code.

Notice of motion has been issued. Learned State counsel has appeared on behalf of respondent-State and complainant also appeared through his counsel. They contested this petition.

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I have heard learned counsel for the parties as well as learned State counsel and gone through the record.

At the time of arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner argued that the petitioner did not come to know regarding the present FIR and other proceedings and ultimately, he was declared proclaimed offender. He also argued that the petitioner has been in custody for the last about 08 months and trial of the case will take a long time.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts in minute detail; without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and in view of the facts that earlier the petitioner was declared proclaimed offender and was arrested on 01.10.2016 and since then he has been in custody, I find that no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody till the final disposal of the case which otherwise will take a long time. Therefore, this criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds in the sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with two sureties in the like amount each to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

02.06.2017

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**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
Whether reportable	:	No