

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

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CRM-M-6901 of 2020

Date of Decision: 05.08.2020

Manjit Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Raj Kumar Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J (ORAL)

The instant Petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking Regular Bail on behalf of the Petitioner in case FIR No.57 dated 03.04.2019, registered under Sections 22 and 29 of NDPS Act, at Police Station Model Town, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was arrested more than 16 months ago and has remained in judicial custody since 03.04.2019. There is no record of his involvement in any case under the NDPS Act.

3. It transpires that proceedings before the trial Court are presently stayed in view of an order passed on 08.11.2019 by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-47750 of 2019, wherein it was ordered that “framing of charge by the trial Court will be subject to outcome of this petition”.

4. In the circumstances and without commenting upon the other merits of the case, at this stage, this Court is of the opinion that further detention of the Petitioner for an indefinite period is not justified. As such, he is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing Personal and Surety Bonds and to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

5. Disposed off.

(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

05.08.2020

D.Bansal

Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No