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

CRM-M-7836-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 24.11.2020

Darshan Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Ranjodh Singh Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

CRM-9619-2020

Applicant-petitioner is permitted to place on record a copy of the statement of Santokh Singh (PW-2) as Annexure P-5, subject to all just exceptions.

Application stands disposed off.

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This is a petition for regular bail filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. on behalf of the petitioner in case FIR No.197 dated 01.10.2017, under Sections 302, 201 and 34 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran.

[2]. Ld. State counsel with reference to the observations made in the last order submits that he has gone through the available material collected during the investigation and it has transpired that no poison was detected in the viscera of the deceased.

[3]. As already noted in the last order, the only circumstance appearing against the petitioner is that he had consumed liquor along with the deceased some 3-4 days before, later his body was recovered by the complainant, who was at that time accompanied by the petitioner himself.

[4]. However, since no poison could be detected in the body of the deceased, at this stage, without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole, but in view of the detention undergone by the petitioner so far which is to the tune of 3 years, 1 month and 17 days till today and the fact that the trial is likely to take its own considerable time due to ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, as such, the prayer of the petitioner for regular bail is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail subject to appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

[5]. Disposed off.

24.11.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No