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

**CRM-M-9275-2020
Date of Decision: 28.05.2020**

Prabhjot Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. P.S. Ahluwalia, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in case FIR No.16 dated 19.01.2020, under Sections 420, 489-A, 489-B, 489-C, 489-D, 489-E and 120-B of the IPC, registered at Police Station City Sangrur, District Sangrur.

[2]. The petitioner was arrested on 25.01.2020. He was originally not named in the FIR. Subsequently, during investigation, recovery of counterfeit currency notes of denomination of ₹2000/- each, was allegedly made from him. But there is no material to indicate that he had himself counterfeited the same or had at any stage tried to pass-on those currency notes as genuine ones. Admittedly, no machinery or instrument for manufacturing counterfeit currency was recovered from him. The only offence, therefore, if any, made out against him would appear to be under Section 489-C of the IPC, which itself is bailable.

[3]. As such, further detention of the petitioner for an indefinite period is not justified.

[4]. Considering the long detention undergone by the petitioner, he

is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

[5]. Disposed off.

28.05.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable: | Yes/No |