

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

**CRM-M No.11580 of 2020
Date of Decision : 10.11.2020**

Jagmohan Singh alias Moni

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present : Mr. R.S. Mamli, Advocate
for the Petitioner.

Mr. Anmol Malik, Dy. Advocate General, Haryana
for the Respondent/State.

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.0258, dated 19th September, 2019, registered under Section 22(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for the 'NDPS Act') at Police Station City Ratia, District Fatehabad.

2. The Petitioner has remained in detention for more than 01 year and 01 month since 19th September, 2019.

3. Charges in the case were framed but trial could not commence due to outbreak of Covid-19 Pandemic.

4. There is no record of Petitioner's involvement in any other case under the NDPS Act, on account of which, this Court is of the opinion that he is not likely to commit a similar offence, if released on bail, at this stage.

5. In the circumstances, without commenting upon the other merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the trial is likely to take a considerable time to conclude in view of the on-going Covid-19 Pandemic, 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 bail subject to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

6. Disposed off.

November 10, 2020
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(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No