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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-13927-2020
Date of Decision: 17.06.2020

Ashish

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Shilak Ram Hooda, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition for regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C., filed on behalf of the petitioner in case FIR No.477 dated 20.08.2019, under Sections 22(c)/61/85 of the N.D.P.S. Act, registered at Police Station City Jind, District Jind.

[2]. Ld. Counsel for the petitioner submits *inter alia* that the petitioner has remained in detention for almost 10 months now, since 20.08.2019. Submits further, on instructions, that the petitioner is not involved in any other case as well and the recovery, allegedly, made from him is actually planted since the real culprit, namely, Ajay, who had been spotted by the Police carrying the bag containing the contraband, had rushed into his shop when challenged by the Police outside, presumably with a view to shield himself.

[3]. Without commenting on the merits of the case in the light of the above submission but considering the fact that the petitioner is not

involved in any other case under the N.D.P.S. Act, this Court is of the opinion that after such a prolonged detention when investigation against him has already been completed, no useful purpose would be served by keeping him in further detention for an indefinite period, and there is no likelihood of his committing any such offence, if released on bail.

[4]. In such circumstances and 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.

17.06.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No