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

CRM-M-14284-2020

Date of Decision: 20.08.2020

Sandeep

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. G.S. Sandhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gagandeep Singh Chhina, AAG, Haryana.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition for regular bail filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. on behalf of the petitioner in case FIR No.480 dated 20.11.2019, under Section 379-A of the IPC, registered at Police Station Butana, District Karnal.

[2]. The petitioner was arrested on 14.02.2020 and has already remained in detention for over 6 months now. In the meantime, Challan against him has already been submitted after completion of investigation. Trial has however not yet commenced and is obviously likely to take its own substantial time to complete on account of the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic.

[3]. In these circumstances, without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole, and in view of the detention undergone by the petitioner, this Court is of the opinion that no useful purpose would be served by keeping him in detention for an indefinite

period, at this stage.

[4]. As such, the prayer of the petitioner for regular bail is allowed and 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.

20.08.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No