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

**CRM-M-16707-2020
Date of Decision: 29.07.2020**

Mohd. Din @ Nikka

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Deepak Goyal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. S. S. Deol, DAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition for regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. on behalf of the petitioner, in case FIR No.138 dated 28.12.2018, under Section 15 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station City-2 Malerkotla, District Sangrur.

[2]. The petitioner was arrested on 28.12.2018 and has remained in detention since then. There is no record of his involvement in any other case under the NDPS Act.

[3]. Co-accused in this case has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 06.02.2020 in CRM-M-925-2020,

[4]. It further transpires that evidence from the prosecution side has still not commenced, even though 17 persons have been cited as witnesses in the Challan.

[5]. In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the trial is likely to take its own time in commencing and getting completed.

[6]. As such, further detention of the petitioner in the present case is not called for, at this stage.

[7]. 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.

[8]. Disposed off.

29.07.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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