

206

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

**CRM-M-17320-2020
Date of Decision: 20.08.2020**

Surinder Pal Singh @ Sonu

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Ishan Kaushal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harbir S.Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by the petitioner, seeking regular bail in case FIR No.192 dated 10.10.2019, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sadar, Patiala, District Patiala.

2. The petitioner has remained in detention since 10.10.2019. There is no record of his involvement in any other case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

3. It further transpires that after completion of the investigation, challan against the petitioner was submitted more than five months ago on 17.03.2020. But, trial could not commence on account of onset of the

COVID-19 Pandemic.

4. In these circumstances, without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole and considering the long detention undergone by the petitioner, his prayer for releasing him on regular bail is allowed and he is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to the appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

5. Disposed off.

20.08.2020

Apurva

(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

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