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

**CRM-M-20178-2020
Date of Decision: 25.11.2020**

Gagandeep Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. K.B. Raheja, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

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.33, dated 08.02.2020, under Sections 379-B of the IPC (Sections 379-A, 411 and 201 of the IPC added later on), registered at Police Station City Kotkapura, District Faridkot.

[2]. Fresh Power of Attorney filed on behalf of the petitioner through e-mail; Be kept on record.

[3]. Seen the Custody Certificate of the petitioner, sent up by Ld. State counsel, through e-mail, according to which, the petitioner has remained in detention in the present case for 9 months and 3 days by now.

[4]. After completion of the investigation, Challan against the petitioner has already been submitted, but trial could not commence due to the outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic, in fact the charges are yet to be framed.

[5]. In these circumstances, without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole, but in view of the detention undergone by the petitioner and the fact that the trial is likely to take its own considerable time due to ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, as such, the prayer of the petitioner for regular bail is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail subject to appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

[6]. Disposed off.

25.11.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No