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

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**CRM-M-21601-2020 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 05.08.2020**

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Gurpreet Singh @ Peeta

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA**

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

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**SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)**

**CRM-18642-2020:**

The present application is for exemption from filing the Affidavit of the petitioner and affixing the Court Fee.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and the applicant/petitioner is permitted to be exempted from filing Affidavit of the petitioner and affixing the Court Fee, subject to the condition that the Court Fee must be filed latest by 31.08.2020.

Application stands disposed off.

**CRM-M-21601-2020:**

Notice of motion.

2. Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG, Punjab, to accept notice on behalf of the State.

3. Ld. Counsel for the petitioner submits, *inter alia*, that the petitioner was originally on bail, but absented from the proceedings on one solitary date, i.e. 24.09.2019.

4. The petitioner has explained his absence by contending that in the meantime, he was arrested in connection with some other case and was released only on the evening of 23.09.2019, in that case, and, therefore, was not aware of the date fixed in the Ld. Trial Court.

5. The bail petition is nevertheless opposed by Ld. State Counsel, who contends that initially the petitioner was granted interim bail in view of the fact that the Forensic Report concerning Chemical Examination of the contraband had not been received.

6. From the impugned order (Annexure P-6), however, it is clear that the petitioner's bail order was cancelled on 24.09.2019, which means that he certainly was on bail till that date, which was after receipt of the Forensic Report.

7. In answer to another query of the Court, Ld. State Counsel submits that the petitioner is involved in three other cases for the offences under the IPC, but not in any other case under the NDPS Act.

8. In view of the aforesaid circumstances, this Court is of the opinion that detention of the petitioner is not required in the present case, at this stage, as investigation against him has already been completed. He is,

therefore, ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, subject to imposition of appropriate stringent conditions to preclude the possibility of his absence during trial again. For this purpose, he must surrender before the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned, within a fortnight from today.

9. Disposed off.

**05.08.2020**

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)  
JUDGE**

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