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

CRM-M-20949-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 11.08.2020

Sonu Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. P. S. Mirpur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harbir Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

CRM-18166-2020

Allowed as prayed for.

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This is a petition for regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. on behalf of the petitioner in case FIR No.241 dated 23.11.2019, under Sections 22 and 25 of NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Kotwali, District Bathinda.

[2]. The petitioner was apprehended alongwith co-accused Nirranjan Kumar @ Kaka on 23.11.2019.

[3]. Co-accused has already been granted bail by this Court on 06.07.2020 in CRM-M-13662 of 2020, the petitioner stands on identical footing with the said co-accused. Challan against both accused has already been submitted.

[4]. As such, without commenting any further on the merits of the

case at this stage, in the light of the submission raised on behalf of the petitioner, and also on account of the fact that the trial is itself likely to take a substantial long time in view of the prevailing Covid-19 Pandemic, at this stage, he shall 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.

11.08.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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