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

**CRM-M-20964-2020
Date of Decision: 11.08.2020**

Jaswinder Singh @ Jassi

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Tarun Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harbir Sandhu, AAG, 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.114 dated 23.10.2019, under Sections 376 and 323 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Mamdot, District Ferozepur.

[2]. The petitioner was arrested on 05.02.2020 and has remained in detention thereafter. In the meantime, challan against him has already been submitted after completion of investigation.

[3]. Perusal of the FIR goes to reveal that the complainant/victim, who was already a married woman developed an intimate relationship with the petitioner following her husband's death. The parties are stated to have cohabited at various places over a long period of time.

[4]. Subsequently, the complainant with her daughter has been living separately after she was allegedly ditched by the present petitioner, who had initially promised to marry her.

[5]. Considering the overall circumstances and the fact that there was a long undisputed live-in-relationship between the parties prior to the date of alleged occurrence and that custody of the petitioner is no longer required in the interest of investigation, further detention of the petitioner for an indefinite period is not justified.

[6]. In such circumstances, and 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.

[7]. Disposed off.

11.08.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No