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

**CRM-M-21199-2020
Date of Decision: 26.08.2020**

Rakesh Kumar @ Nona

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Jitender Singh Dadwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. J.P. Ratra, DAG, 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.461 dated 19.09.2017, under Sections 307, 341, 324, 148 and 149 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Amritsar.

2. The petitioner has remained in detention in the present case since 11.12.2019.

3. It transpires that investigation against the petitioner is already completed and challan submitted. Charges were framed in the Ld. Trial Court, but evidence from the prosecution side could not commence due to onset of COVID-19 Pandemic.

4. The detention undergone by the petitioner exceeds that of co-accused Sajan @ Chaju, who was granted regular bail in

CRM-M-16571-2020 on 14.07.2020.

5. The trial is likely to take some time as the Courts are not working in the normal manner due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

6. In such circumstances, further detention of the petitioner for an indefinite period, at this stage, is not warranted.

7. In view of the above, the petitioner 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.

8. Disposed off.

26.08.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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