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

**CRM-M-23264-2020
Date of Decision: 21.08.2020**

Prabhjit Singh @ Prabh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Neeraj Yadav, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harbir S.Sandhu, AAG, 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.471 dated 22.11.2014, under Sections 22/61/85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station "A" Division, District Amritsar City.

2. The petitioner, who was initially arrested and subsequently released on interim bail, was again taken in custody on 18.07.2018. From his Custody Certificate, it transpires that so far he has undergone detention for a period of two years, five months and twenty days.

3. There is no record of the petitioner's involvement in any other case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

4. In these circumstances, without commenting any further on the

merits of the present case as a whole and considering the long detention undergone by the petitioner as also the fact that the trial is likely to take its own substantial time to complete on account of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the prayer of the petitioner for releasing him on regular bail is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail, subject to the appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

5. Disposed off.

21.08.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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