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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-23332-2020
Date of Decision: 20.08.2020

Anuj Kumar

..... Petitioner

Versus

U.T., Chandigarh

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Nitin Meel, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashumohan Punchi, Public Prosecutor with
Mr. Anupam Bansal, Advocate,
for the respondent-U.T., Chandigarh.

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.453 dated 30.11.2018, under Sections 323, 341 and 506 of the IPC (Sections 326, 34 and 307 of the IPC added lateron), registered at Police Station Sector 39, Chandigarh.

[2]. From the custody certificate, it transpires that the petitioner has remained in detention in the present case since 15.01.2019, which is more than 1½ years till date.

[3]. From the order of this Court, Annexure P-5, it is seen that the co-accused, namely, Vijay Kumar was granted bail by this Court in CRM-M-13213-2020 on 06.07.2020, since the trial had come to a virtual standstill, on account of the outbreak of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

[4]. On query of the Court, Ld. Counsel appearing for the U.T., Chandigarh, submits that although 7 out of 15 prosecution witnesses have

been examined, but no one has been examined subsequent to the 06.07.2020, on which date, the order in respect of the co-accused Vijay Kumar was passed.

[5]. In such circumstances, completion of the trial is likely to take its own substantial time. So in the opinion of this Court, there is a little justification to detain the petitioner for an indefinite period of time, as he stands on a similar footing as co-accused Vijay Kumar.

[6]. For the aforesaid reasons and considering the long detention undergone by the petitioner, his prayer for releasing him on regular bail is allowed and 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.

20.08.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No