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

**CRM-M- 23912-2019
Date of Decision: 10.11.2020**

Gurpreet Singh @ Gopi

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

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

Mr. P.S. Walia, A.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Brijesh Nanda, Advocate,
for the complainant.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. by the petitioner, seeking regular bail in case FIR No.69 dated 06.06.2014, under Sections 21 and 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Bhindi Saidan, Amritsar Rural, District Amritsar.

2. Ld. State Counsel has sent through WhatsApp a copy of the Chemical Analysis Report, from which it transpires that quantity of *Buprenorphine Hydrochloride* in the sample sent for examination was found to be 2%.

3. Seen Custody Certificate of the petitioner, from which it

transpires that he has remained in detention in the present case for two years, three months and twenty six days, by now. There is no record of his involvement in any other case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

4. Three witnesses out of total fifteen witnesses cited in the challan have been examined so far and the next date fixed for trial happens to be 18.12.2020. The trial is going on at a snail's pace in view of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic as can be seen from the order dated 16.10.2020 passed in CRM-M-19137-2020 in the case of co-accused Ashwani Kumar @ Saffy, which is also records that only three prosecution witnesses had been examined till then.

5. As such, without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole and in view of the detention undergone by the petitioner, as also the fact that the trial is likely to take its own substantial time, particularly on account of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the prayer of the petitioner for regular bail is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail, subject to appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

6. Disposed off.

10.11.2020*Apurva***(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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