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

**CRM-M No.25715 of 2020
Date of Decision: 10.11.2020**

AMARJIT SINGH

..... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Loveleen Dhaliwal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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.103 dated 05.06.2018, under Section 15/61/85 of the NDPS Act and Section 473 IPC registered at Police Station City Samana, District Patiala.

2. Notice of motion.

3. Mr. B. S. Sewak Addl. A.G, Punjab, to accept notice on behalf of the State.

4. The petitioner was arrested, along with the co-accused, on 05.06.2018 on the allegation that poppy-husk weighing 85 kgs. was recovered from them.

5. The petitioner from the date of his arrest (05.06.2018) has by now remained in detention for more than 2 years and 5 months. Co-accused Manjit Singh in similar circumstances, has already been granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-17966-2020 on 21.08.2020. Presently trial in the Ld. Court below has come to a virtual stand still inasmuch as no witness

after the month of March has been examined from the prosecution side on

account of the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the trial is likely to take its own substantial time for being completed in the given circumstances, as such, without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole, the prayer of the petitioner for his release 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.

6. Disposed off.

10.11.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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