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

**CRM-M-27560-2020
Date of Decision: 18.09.2020**

Praveen

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Devender Kumar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anmol Malik, DAG, Haryana.

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.50, dated 10.07.2018, under Sections 341, 342, 354, 354-A, 376-D, 506, 201 and 34 of the IPC; Section 3(i)(xii) of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989; Section 66 (E) of the Information and Technology Act, 2000 and Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, registered at Women Police Station Ballabgarh, District Faridabad.

[2]. The petitioner has remained in detention in this case for more than 2 years since 23.07.2018. It transpires that the victim girl/prosecutrix has already been examined as the main witness from the prosecution side and in addition, 5 other witnesses from the prosecution side have also been examined but thereafter the trial has become held up due to onset of COVID-19 Pandemic.

[3]. Indefinite detention of the petitioner at this stage, considering the long period of incarceration already undergone by him, is not called for.

[4]. In these circumstances, without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole, but in view of the detention undergone by the petitioner and the fact that the trial is likely to take its own considerable time due to ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, as such, the prayer of the petitioner for 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.

[5]. Disposed off.

18.09.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No