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

CRM-M-27797-2020

Date of Decision: 18.09.2020

Ajay

..... Petitioner

Versus

U.T., Chandigarh

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Ms. Anupama Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manish Jain, Additional P.P., U.T., Chandigarh.

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.141 dated 20.07.2020, under Sections 354-D, 452 and 506 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Industrial Area, Chandigarh.

2. The petitioner has remained in detention in this case for nearly two months, since 21.07.2020.

3. It transpires that after completion of investigation, challan against the petitioner has been submitted under Sections 354-D, 452 and 506 of the IPC, and in addition, the offences under Section 12-A of the POCSO Act has been included. His custodial interrogation is, therefore, no longer required in the present case.

4. In such circumstances, considering the detention undergone by the

petitioner at this stage and without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole, as also considering the fact that the trial is likely to take its own substantial time to complete in view 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.

18.09.2020

Apurva

**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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