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

**CRM-M-30842-2020
Date of Decision: 08.10.2020**

Rajesh Kumar

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Ms. Shalini Atri, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

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 No58 dated 21.03.2020, under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 and 474 of the IPC and Section 66 (D) of the Information and Technology Act, 2000, registered at Police Station Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

[2]. The petitioner has remained in detention in the present case for more than six months since his original apprehension by the complainant himself on 20.03.2020.

[3]. After completion of the investigation, Challan against the petitioner has already been submitted but trial is yet to commence. The charges have so far not been framed. Co-accused, namely, Kuldeep Singh has already been granted anticipatory bail by the Ld. Court below. As such, further detention of the petitioner for an indefinite period at this stage, is not justified.

[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 his release on regular bail is allowed and he is ordered to be released subject to appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

[5]. Disposed off.

08.10.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No