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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-28108-2019
Date of Decision: 08.10.2020

Angrej Singh @ Singla

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Krishan Kumar Thakur, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in case FIR No.57 dated 03.04.2019, under Sections 22/25 of the N.D.P.S. Act, registered at Police Station Sidhwan Bet, District Ludhiana.

[2]. The custody certificate of the petitioner goes to show that he has already undergone imprisonment for a period of 1 year, 6 months and 2 days as on 08.10.2020 and is not involved in any other case under the N.D.P.S. Act.

[3]. In such circumstances, this Court is of the opinion that further detention of the petitioner for an indefinite period is not called for, and otherwise the trial is likely to take some time, as only one prosecution witness out of total 13 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far and regular proceedings of the Courts are severely effected due to prevalence of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

[4]. 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 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