

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

**CRM-M No.36787 of 2020
Date of Decision : 12.11.2020**

Baljit Singh alias Natti

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present : Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate
for the Petitioner.

Mr. Prabhjot .S. Walia, Asstt. Advocate General, Punjab
for the Respondent/State.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The instant Petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking Regular Bail on behalf of the Petitioner in case FIR No.174, dated 30.06.2020, registered under Sections 395 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 25 of the Arms Act (offence under Sections 397, 398, 412, 171 of the IPC added later on), at Police Station Dina Nagar, District Gurdaspur.

2. The Petitioner by now has remained in detention for more than 04 months since 9th of July, 2020.

3. It has been pointed out on behalf of the Petitioner that his name was not mentioned in the original FIR.

4. After completion of investigation, Challan against the Petitioner has already been submitted on 26th September, 2020 but the trial has yet to commence and so far even the Charges are to be framed.

5. Co-accused persons, namely Maninder Singh (in CRM-M No.28182 of 2020) and Bikramjit Singh @ Vicky Fauji (in CRM-M No.26761 of 2020) have already been granted Regular Bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court on 7th October, 2020 and 11th September, 2020, respectively.

6. In the circumstances, without commenting upon the other merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the trial is likely to take a considerable time to conclude in view of the on-going Covid-19 Pandemic, at this stage, this Court is of the opinion that further detention of the Petitioner for an indefinite period is not justified. As such, he is ordered to be released on bail subject to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. Disposed off.

November 12, 2020
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(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No