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

**CRM-M-42686-2020
Date of Decision: 23.12.2020**

Karan Marassi

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Anil Chawla, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. by the petitioner, seeking regular bail in case FIR No.0161 dated 06.07.2020, under Sections 379-B and 34 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Amritsar.

2. The petitioner has remained in detention in the present case for almost five and a half months, since 06.07.2020.

3. After completion of investigation, challan against the petitioner has already been submitted, but the trial is yet to commence. He is reported to be not involved in any other criminal case. As such, further detention of the petitioner, at this stage, for an indefinite period of time is not called for.

4. In view of the above, without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole and in view of the detention undergone

by the petitioner, as also the fact that the trial is likely to take its own substantial time, particularly on account of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the prayer of the petitioner for 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.

23.12.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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