

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

**CRM-M No.43012 of 2019
Date of Decision : 17.11.2020**

Sohan Lal @ Sona

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present : Mr. Krishan K. Thakur, Advocate
for the Petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Addl. 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.17, dated 01.03.2019, registered under Sections 365 of the Indian Penal Code (Challan presented only under Sections 364, 364-A, 120-B, 201 of the IPC in the FIR), at Police Station Sambhu, District Patiala.

2. Seen copy of the *Zimni* Order passed by the Ld. Trial Court on 29.10.2020, which has been sent up through E-mail, by Ld. Counsel for the Petitioner.

3. Perusal of the same goes to indicate that partial evidence of the witness/victim-Sampuran Singh was recorded on the said date after which the matter has again been adjourned to 24th of this month for the same purpose.

4. Ld. Counsel for the Petitioner further submits that even in the FIR his client has not been named.

5. In such circumstances, considering the long detention undergone by the Petitioner, which by now is 01 year, 07 month and 05 days, 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 called for. As such, he is ordered to be released on bail subject to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

6. Disposed off.

November 17, 2020
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(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No