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

**CRM-M-53919-2019
Date of Decision: 08.10.2020**

Rajesh Kumar @ Raju

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. A. K. Khunger, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition for regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. on behalf of the petitioner, in case FIR No.0085, dated 12.07.2019, under Sections 22 and 29 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station City-2, Abohar, District Fazilka.

[2]. The petitioner was granted interim bail on the last date in view of his medical condition, till today. It was also noted that there is no involvement in any other case under the NDPS Act.

[3]. From the Custody Certificate of the petitioner sent up by Ld. State Counsel today, it transpires that he has remained in detention in the present case for more than 1 year, since 15.07.2019. It is, further asserted that charges in the case were framed more than one year ago on 30.09.2019 but till date evidence from the prosecution side could not commence ostensibly on account of existing COVID-19 Pandemic, due to which normal functioning of Courts are severely affected.

[4]. In such circumstances and considering the long detention undergone by the petitioner, he is ordered to be released on regular 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