

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

**CRM-M No.55450 of 2019
Date of decision:21.01.2020**

Jagtar Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Sandeep K.Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Senior DAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL J. (ORAL)

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.184, dated 20.06.2004 registered under Sections 406, 420 of IPC at Police Station Sadar, Nawanshahr, District SBS Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that after being declared Proclaimed Offender, the petitioner surrendered in Court on 21.08.2019 and has been behind bars since then. He has further submitted that the complainant Jagtar Singh son of Channan Singh has since expired.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Khuswinder Singh has submitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other case though he has opposed the bail application on merits. Learned State counsel has further verified that the complainant has expired.

Heard.

Considering the fact that the complainant who is main material

witness has expired, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in further detention. Moreover, the petitioner is already behind the bars for the last more than 5 months. Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

21.01.2020

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**(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No