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

**CRM No.17621 of 2021 in/and
CRM-M No.10046 of 2021
Date of Decision : 19.07.2021**

Sagar Verma

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present : Mr. Gurpreet S. Bhasin, Advocate
for the Applicant/Petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab
for the Respondent/State.

Mr. Vipul Dharmani, Advocate
for the Complainant.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

CRM No.17621 of 2021

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the Applicant/
Petitioner is permitted to place on record the documents, Annexures A-1 to
A-4.

Application stands disposed off.

CRM-M No.10046 of 2021

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.182, dated 17.11.2019, registered under Sections 420/408/
120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Sections 201/465/467/471 of
the IPC added later on) at Police Station Division No.6, Jalandhar, District

Jalandhar.

2. Seen Custody Certificate of the Petitioner, from which it transpires that by now he has remained in detention for more than 08 months since 25.11.2020.

3. After completion of investigation, Challan against the Petitioner has already been submitted.

4. Co-accused persons namely Avinash V.K. (in CRM-M No.6006 of 2020), Pardeep Kumar (in CRM-M No.17219 of 2021) and Himanshu Arora (in CRM-M No.20434 of 2021) have already been granted Regular Bail by this Court on 07.01.2021 and 28.05.2021, respectively.

5. Trial in the case is likely to take a long time on account of on-going Covid-19 Pandemic since evidence from the Prosecution Side is yet to commence, no useful purpose would therefore appear to be served by keeping the Petitioner in detention for an indefinite period at this stage. 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.

July 19, 2021
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(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No