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

CRM-M-17134-2021

Date of Decision: 29.04.2021

Shinderpal Singh @ Bittu

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Abhinav Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S. Walia, AAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition filed on behalf of the petitioner for regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.5 dated 11.01.2021, under Sections 22, 29, 61 and 85 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Sanaur, District Patiala.

[2]. The petitioner has remained in detention for almost three months, since 05.02.2021.

[3]. Admittedly, no direct recovery was effected from the petitioner. His name has transpired only from the disclosure statement of co-accused Rajinder Singh @ Rajan, from whom the actual recovery was effected. So far, the material, including Call Details of the petitioner to show that he is part of any drug cartel, has not been collected, nor there appears to be any other convincing material available against him during the investigation, except the disclosure statement of the co-accused. There is no other case

pending against him under the NDPS Act.

[4]. In view thereof, without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole, but in view of the detention undergone by the petitioner, and the fact that the trial is likely to take its own considerable time to complete due to ongoing covid-19 pandemic, as such, 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.

29.04.2021

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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