

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

**CRM-M-17171-2021
Date of Decision : 19.05.2021**

Arvan Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present : Mr. Harchand S. Batth, 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.257, dated 4th November, 2020, registered under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B, 255, 256, 259, 260, 263-A of the Indian Penal Code, at Police Station City Patti, District Tarn Taran.

2. The Petitioner has by now remained in detention for more than 6 months, since 4th November, 2020.

3. It transpires that after completion of investigation, Challan against the Petitioner, in the case, has already been submitted. However, no witness has been examined from the Prosecution Side, as the Courts are not working in the normal manner due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic.

4. In the circumstances, without commenting upon the other merits of the case 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.

5. Disposed off.

May 19, 2021
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(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No