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

**CRM-M-18298-2021**

**Date of Decision : 19.05.2021**

Manish Gupta

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union Territory, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA**

Present : Mr. J.S. Bedi, Sr. Advocate assisted by  
Mr. Sunil Sihag, Advocate  
for the Petitioner.

Mr. A.M. Punchhi, Public Prosecutor with  
Mr. Anupam Bansal, Addl. Public Prosecutor  
for the Respondent/U.T., Chandigarh.

Mr. Dhivya Jerath, Advocate  
for the Complainant.

**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.63, dated 02.03.2021, registered under Sections 452, 331, 344, 365, 386, 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 473, 474, 477 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Sector 39, Chandigarh.

2. Seen Custody Certificate of the Petitioner sent up through E-mail on behalf State, from which it transpires that by now the Petitioner has remained in custody for more than 02 months, 11 days.

3. It transpires that after completion of investigation, Challan

against the Petitioner, in the case, has already been submitted. But the trial is yet to commence.

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**  
**Dpr**

**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No