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

**CRM-M-21200-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 19.07.2021**

Gaurav Arora

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present : Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate
for the 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.15676 of 2021

Allowed as prayed for.

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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 408, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 201 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 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 04 months since 17.03.2021.

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