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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-43422-2020
Date of Decision: 27.04.2021

Balvir Singh @ Afrita

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Manu Loona, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Addl. A.G., Punjab,
for the respondent-State.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition for regular bail filed on behalf of the petitioner under Section 439 Cr.P.C., in case FIR No.188 dated 03.09.2020, under Section 379-B of the IPC (Sections 379 and 411 of the IPC added later on vide General Diary No.49 dated 03.09.2020), registered at Police Station City Fazilka, District Fazilka.

[2]. The petitioner has remained in detention in the present case for almost 8 months, since 03.09.2020.

[3]. After completion of the investigation, Challan against the petitioner has already been submitted, but the trial is yet to commence. As such further detention of the petitioner for an indefinite period is not called for.

[4]. For the aforesaid reasons, 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 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 regular bail subject to appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

[5]. Disposed off.

27.04.2021

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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