

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

CRM-M-32164-2016

Date of decision:23.09.2016

Balram Kumar @ Kala

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI.

Present: Mr. Surinder Garg , Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Simsi Dhir Malhotra, DAG, Punjab.

M.M.S. BEDI, JUDGE (ORAL)

The petitioner was allegedly pressurized by the police officials to pay a sum of Rs. 50,000/- to avoid the registration of case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, as half gram of heroin was recovered from him. He, under pressure, had agreed to settle the amount at a sum of Rs. 35,000/-. He allegedly paid a sum of Rs. 15,000/- on 16.07.2016, whereas he had to arrange the remaining amount of Rs. 20,000/- by 18.07.2016.

The petitioner has been in custody w.e.f. 22.07.2016. The culpability of the petitioner of having paid illegal gratification

willingly would be a debatable issue.

Without expression of any opinion on merits, the petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

September 23, 2016
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(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No