

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

CRM-M-23210 of 2018

Date of Decision: June 01, 2018

Dr. Mandeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. Gurinder Singh Lalli, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Ghumman, DAG, Punjab.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J.

Learned State counsel has placed on record custody certificate of the petitioner.

This order shall dispose off second regular bail application of petitioner-Dr. Mandeep Singh. The case of the prosecution is that one Ranjit Singh, while on a evening walk in his village was kidnapped and on his return on 30.04.2016 has made statement that he was kidnapped by accused Gurjant Singh, Mandeep Singh and the present petitioner/Dr. Mandeep Singh son of Dilbagh Singh and who allegedly demanded Rs.30 lacs as ransom for his release leading to arrest of the petitioner on 5.5.2016 and that there was land dispute between the complainant and his first cousin co-accused-Mandeep Singh/non-applicant.

The contentions of the learned counsel for the petitioner

that the petitioner is behind the bars since almost two years and that it was a pure land dispute regarding cultivation of 17 acres of land owned by complainant which was under the occupation of Mandeep Singh/co-accused and that a false case has been registered and the similarly placed co-accused Gurjant Singh and Mandeep Singh were allowed bail by this Court vide orders dated 11.5.2018 and 21.2.2018 respectively and that the case of the petitioner is on a better footing.

Learned State counsel has opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner on the grounds of heinousness of offence, seriousness of allegations and recovery of part of the amount which was taken as ransom and that if allowed bail, the petitioner might influence the witnesses

Going through the arguments of the two sides, keeping in view the principle of parity, whereby, co-accused of the petitioner have already been granted bail by this Court and that no specific role has come about against the petitioner and that there is a land dispute between the parties and that the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future and no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars, culpability, if any, shall be determined at the time of trial, without adverting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition for grant of regular bail is allowed. Petitioner be admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No