

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM No. M-32032 of 2014 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 23.4.2015

Balwinder Singh

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

--Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. Bipan Ghai, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Paviter Singh, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Nikhil K. Chopra, D.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. S.P.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the complainant.

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This order shall dispose of CRM No. M-32032 of 2014 (Balwinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab), CRM No. M-36879 of 2014 (Surinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab) and CRM No. M-5415 of 2015 (Baljit Singh @ Sodhi Singh Vs. State of Punjab) as the prayer in these three connected petitions filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C is for the grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioners in case F.I.R No.305 dated 16.11.2013 registered under sections 336, 427, 120-B I.P.C and sections 25, 27, 54, 59 of Arms Act (sections 419, 420, 467, 468 and 471 of I.P.C added later on) at Police Station, Civil Lines, Patiala, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the parties have been heard.

It has gone uncontroverted that the F.I.R in question had been registered against unknown persons. In other words, the petitioners' names did not even figure in the complainant's version. That apart, it has been conceded by learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Amrik Singh that after interim protection having been granted the petitioners in these

three connected petitions have joined investigation.

Learned counsel appearing for the complainant would, however, oppose the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail by submitting that during the course of investigation, it has transpired that the petitioners are allegedly holding multiple passports and as such, there is every possibility of their fleeing the process of law.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties, this Court is of the considered view that the petitioners are entitled to concession of anticipatory bail. All the three petitions are, accordingly, allowed. However, they shall abide by all the conditions stipulated in Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

It is, further, made clear that each of the petitioners would surrender their passports with the investigating agency and would not leave the country without prior permission of the court.

Petitions disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

April 23, 2015
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