

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No. M-6355 of 2015

Date of decision : July 09, 2015

Anantdeep Singh @ Roma

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Criminal Misc. No. M-10735 of 2015

Ranjit Singh @ Guru

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Criminal Misc. No. M-18758 of 2015

Amar Lal Setia

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Fateh Deep Singh

Present : Mr. R.S.Rai, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Dilpreet Singh, for petitioner Anantdeep Singh @ Roma
Mr. DS Malwai, Advocate for petitioner Ranjit Singh @ Guru
Mr. RK Girdhar, Advocate for petitioner Amar Lal Setia
Mr. C.S.Brar, DAG, Punjab with Inspector Lakbir Singh

Fateh Deep Singh, J. (Oral)

Through this common order, the aforesaid three petitions for regular bail filed by Anantdeep Singh @ Roma, Ranjit Singh @ Guru and

Amar Lal Setia shall stand disposed of as having arisen out of the same very FIR.

In the light of the arguments of learned State counsel, the allegations against Amar Lal Setia are that being owner of Amar Gun House, Abohar he has sold .32 Baretta pistol to one Bhupinder Singh whereas allegations against Ranjit Singh @ Guru are that being owner of Kalyan Gun House, Mansa he has sold 3.80 pistol to Rohit Chhabra whereas the allegations against Anantdeep Singh @ Roma are that he along with his other companions has been procuring weapons from North Eastern terrorist groups/insurgents and had been supplying the same to Kalyan Gun House. It is submitted on behalf of the State that keeping in view of gamut of the allegations the petitioners do not call for grant of bail.

It is contended on behalf of the petitioners that Amar Lal Setia is in custody since 24.2.2015, Anantdeep Singh @ Roma since 21.10.2014 and Ranjit Singh @ Guru since 8 months and there is nothing to connect Anantdeep Singh @ Roma and Amar Lal Setia and Ranjit Singh @ Guru have only transacted business of Gun Houses and that the trial is not likely to be concluded in the near future and the entire case is based on hearsay and secret information.

Appreciating the submissions without advertent on the merits, the learned State counsel squarely accepts at the bar that there is no tangible evidence against Amar Lal Setia regarding the fact of having sold the

weapon except the lone statement under section 161 Cr.P.C. which is matter of evidence at the time of trial. The allegations against Ranjit Singh @ Guru are also based on hearsay and there is no tangible evidence brought to the notice of the Court and so is the case of Anantdeep Singh @ Roma and their active participation in this racket does not stand substantiated. The culpability if any shall be determined at the time of trial.

Keeping in view the totality of the circumstances and the long incarceration of the petitioners together with the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future and no useful purpose will be served by retaining the petitioners in jail. Accordingly, without meaning to express any opinion on the merits, all the aforesaid three bail petitions are allowed. Bail to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Faridkot.

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(Fateh Deep Singh)
Judge