

Press Release
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In a major success, Crime Branch of Chandigarh police nabbed an old terrorist involved in a blast in a moving Haryana Roadway bus 27 years ago. The incident had proved fatal, as two passengers died at the spot, while numbers of other had received serious injuries.

The accused has been identified as Santokh Singh Bajwa, r/o village Adhoi, PO Adhoi of Kurukshetra district of Haryana.

The incident of blast had rocked the state at that particular period. The accused managed to flee and was later declared proclaimed offender from the concerned court on 24th of September, 1985. While three of his accomplices namely Gurbaksh Singh, Kuldeep Singh and Pritam Singh were arrested by the Haryana police in case FIR No. 116, dated 10th of May, 1985, under section 302, 307, 153, 124-A of IPC and 3,4 of Explosive Act, registered in police station Shahbad Markanda district Kurukshetra, Haryana.

The team of the crime branch on Friday received a secret information that a person namely Santokh Singh Bajwa, who is an old terrorist and was also arrested at the time of emergency in 1975, under the charges of Defense of India Rules is going to Kharar (Pb.) to meet someone in his Indica Car bearing Registration No. DL-4CM-1615 via Chandigarh between 11.00 PM to 12.00 midnight.

The police team of crime branch had also the secret information that Santokh Singh Bajwa had been living with the identity of Balwant Singh by changing his name and had also procured a fake driving license and fake press card of Freelance Journalist, Faridkot, Punjab. The accused had adopted a fake identity through fake documents to hide in Public. Simultaneously, the information was also received that the accused was carrying the unlicensed and illegal weapons with him.

On the basis of this secret information, a naka was laid down near small roundabout dividing sector 37 and 38 of UT Chandigarh by a team of Crime Branch headed by Inspector Ranjodh Singh, I/c crime Branch under the supervision of Sh. Satbir Singh, DSP/Crime.

As per the laid down plan, the police team rounded up Santokh Singh Bajwa along with his Indica Car bearing number DL-4CM-1615 at the above-mentioned roundabout at 11.45 PM.

During the verification at the spot, first accused disclosed his name Balwant Singh also showed his driving license which he was carrying with him, bearing the name of Balwat Singh on it. He was also carrying a press identity card on the name of Balwant Singh.

During his personal search on the spot, a .30 bore loaded pistol was recovered, which was carried on his person. The pistol had five live cartridges in the magazine. During the search of his Indica Car, a 12 bore rifle along with two live cartridges were recovered from foot space between back and front seats. On the further search of the vehicle a magazine along with 19 live cartridges of .30 bore were also recovered from the dash board of the said car. One laptop of Samsung, one handy-camera of Sony, one DVD of Fujiyama along with three cassettes of handy-camera was also recovered. All the above-mentioned recovered articles were taken into possession by the police team through different seizure memos.

On further questioning, the accused admitted his real name Santokh Singh Bajwa S/o Jagir Singh Bajwa R/o Vill Adhoi PS Mulana Distt Kuruksheta Haryana.

He was arrested at the spot in case FIR No: 58, dated 9-02-2013 under section 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 of IPC and 25, 54, 59 of Arms Act in the police station of sector 39 of Chandigarh.

During further interrogation, he disclosed that he was a national level sports person. Interestingly, it was came out that he had taken part in national games as a member of 400M relay race and won gold medal. The tournament was held at Allahabad in 1963.

As he was a sports person, he stood second in 400 M in inter University at DAV college in Jalandhar, 1st in 200 Meter, 400 Meter in Panjab University. He further revealed that he had joined Punjab police as ASI through sports basis in the year of 1963 and served for one year and won 4 gold medals in All India police sports in 200M, 400M 100X4M relay and 4x400M relay race, held at Jaipur.

He did his M.A in Political Science from Kurukshetra University. After leaving the police job he joined as Hostel Superintendent at ITI Samrala in district Ludhiana in 1965. He served there for two years and left the job in 1967. Later, in 1968 he went to Canada and started working there in Park-Davis Medicine Factory and worked there for two years.

During his stay at Canada, he came in the contact with Hardy Singh Bains, who was brother of Retired Justice Ajit Singh Bains and was the Secretary of the Communist Party of Canada (CPC). He joined the party and became the active member of the Communist Party of Canada. During his stay at Canada, he called his three college friends namely Gurdeep Singh R/o Village Tanda, Amarjit Singh R/o Chandigarh, Kabul Singh R/o Tanda and all of his friends also became active members of communist Party of Canada. In 1970 he returned back to India. After coming back, he started a monthly magazine **Kirti Yug**, with himself as Editor and Publisher. This magazine was printed at Chandigarh, Published from Shahbad (Haryana) and was being circulated in the entire Punjab state. After publishing 14 to 15 editions of the said magazine, he stopped the publication later as he was not getting financial help to run it.

From 1970-1975, he did farming at his village Adhoi (Haryana) and during this period, he came in the contact of Gurbaksh Singh, a farmer from Shahbad, Kuldeep Singh, a farmer from Shahbad and a Paramjit Singh, resident of Ludhiana district of Punjab. In the year 1975, during the time of National Emergency, he got arrested under Defense of India Rules and was lodged in Ambala Central Jail for about one year. From 1976 to May 1985 he stayed in Shahbad. After committing the incident of bomb blast in Haryana Roadways bus in 1985 and after the arrest of his abovementioned three accomplices, he went underground and hid himself in Himachal, Punjab and Haryana states on the fake identity of Balwant Singh. The accused had been getting financial support from his three friends namely Gurdeep Singh, Amarjit Singh and Kabul Singh.

The team of the crime branch on Saturday produced the accused Santokh Singh in the court of duty magistrate Sh Parvesh Singla, JMIC. The court gave the police remand of accused till 16th of February. Further interrogation is continue to ascertain to crime committed by him during his absconding period and procurement of the weapons and ammunition.

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Acting on secret information the team of Anti Human Trafficking Unit of Chandigarh Police with the help of Labour Department and Social Welfare Department UT Chandigarh rescued 5 (five) juvenile children from Sector-44, Chandigarh. Where they were working as labourer on different shops. The shop owner was challaned by the Inspector of labour department UT Chandigarh. The rescued Children were sent to shelter home Snehalaya, Maloya after producing them before the Child Welfare committee UT, Chandigarh.

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