

BA1 No. 508 of 2017

Hon'ble V.K. Bist, J.

Mr. R.P. Nautiyal, Senior Advocate, assisted by Mr. B.S. Koranga, Advocate holding brief of Mr. Vijay Khanduri, Advocate for the applicant.

Mr. P.S. Saun, Deputy Advocate General with Mr. Siddhartha Bisht, Brief Holder for the State of Uttarakhand.

This is the first bail application moved by the applicant.

The applicant- Raje Singh is seeking regular bail in connection with Range Case Crime No. 14/2016 offences punishable under Section 2,9,48(a), 49 B & 51 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended in the year 2006, Range Circle Rudraprayag, District Rudraprayag.

Skins of leopard and leopard cat is said to have been shown recovered from the possession of the applicant. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the applicant that all the offences are triable by Magistrate. He further submitted that the applicant has no previous criminal history and the applicant is languishing in jail since 09.01.2017.

It is contended by the learned counsel for the applicant that nowadays every ranger allotted a still camera and video camera; but despite of this fact, videography of the alleged recovery showing the involvement of the applicant is not done.

Considering the submission of learned Counsel for the parties and without expressing any opinion as to final merits of the case, this Court is of

the view that the applicant deserves bail at this stage.

The bail application is allowed.

Let the applicant be released on bail, on executing personal bond and furnishing two sureties, each of the like amount to the satisfaction of the Court concerned.

(V.K. Bist, J.)

28.04.2017

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