

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

(213)

CRM-M-28760-2013

Decided on: October 09, 2015.

Jagroop Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Mr. R.S. Rana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Jashan Preet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

M.M.S. BEDI, J (ORAL)

This petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C has been filed by Jagroop Singh for protection of his life, liberty and property claiming that there is eminent danger to him at the hands of respondent No.3 as respondent No.3 is bent upon harassing the petitioner without any legal sanction. No relief appears to have been claimed against respondent No.2.

On notice having been issued, reply stands filed on behalf of respondents No. 1 and 2 to the effect that petitioner is not required by respondents No. 1 and 2, however, if he has been summoned by respondent No.3, respondents No. 1 and 2 do not have any control over the sanction of respondent No.3. Respondent No.3 has filed reply claiming that he has got powers under Section 50 (2) and (3) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 to summon any person whose attendance, he considers necessary, whether to give evidence or to produce any records during the course of any investigation or proceeding under the said Act.

It has been urged that as per Section 50 (3) of the aforesaid Act, all persons so summoned are bound to attend in person or through authorized agents to appear before the officer concerned. It is admitted that on the basis of an FIR filed by CBI, the petitioner is required to join in a case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 in case No.ECIR/05/CHD/2009 which has been opened and is pending for investigation.

Since it is disclosed in the reply that the petitioner is required under Section 50 (2) and (3) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, while dismissing the petition, it is observed that in case the petitioner is required by Director, Additional Director, Joint Director or Assistant Director of the Enforcement Directorate for attendance in context to any investigation/proceedings under the said Act, he would be given an appropriate notice/information in writing.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

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