

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

**Criminal Misc. No.15075 of 2016 in/&
Criminal Misc. No.M-11244 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 17.05.2016**

Karanjit Singh & another

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab & others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. *Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
2. *To be referred to reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. R.S. Bains, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. N.S. Dandiwal, Advocate
for respondent no.4.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

Criminal Misc. No.15075 of 2016:

Learned counsel for the applicant-petitioners does not
press this application.

Dismissed as not pressed.

Criminal Misc. No.M-11244 of 2015:

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 482 CrPC is
for directing respondents no.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty

of the petitioners, as they are getting threats at the instance of respondents no.4 to 14.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has contended that in FIR No.83 dated 20.12.2011 under Section 325/323/341/427/148/149/506/120-B IPC and Section 308 IPC (which was added later on), registered at Police Station Tarsika, Amritsar, the police has submitted the challan and the trial is pending. He further submitted that in the case in hand, the petitioners have already been examined and the case is now fixed for their cross-examination for 19.5.2016. He also submitted that the petitioners have been extended security by the respondents, enabling them to appear before the trial Court.

Learned counsel for respondent no.4 has filed reply in Court, which is taken on record. He submits that many of the respondents, as arrayed in the petition, are already residing abroad and therefore, the allegations of threats at the hands of those respondents are totally false.

Reply by way of affidavit of Bal Krishan Singla, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, East, Amritsar City, on behalf of respondents no.1 to 3, has already been filed. As per the reply, the residence of the petitioners falls in the jurisdiction of Police Station 'B' Division, Amritsar City and therefore, the threat perception to the petitioners, as alleged in the petition, has been got assessed through concerned SHO, Police Station 'B' Division,

Amritsar City and there is no need of any personal security to the petitioners.

Learned State counsel while referring to para 6 of the reply submitted that if the petitioners have any apprehension at the hands of the private respondents, they can get security from Police Post at Court Complex, Amritsar. Otherwise also, special arrangements are already made at the Court Complex, Amritsar to avoid any untoward incident.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that as on date, the petitioners have been extended the security and as and when they are required to appear before the trial Court.

Learned State counsel has very fairly submitted that in case the petitioners have been provided any security in the past, the existing arrangement shall continue till the cross-examination of the petitioners is concluded.

In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, wherein it is categorically submitted that petitioner would continue to get the security, as and when they will appear before the trial Court for their cross-examination, no further order is called for in the instant petition.

Thus, the present petition is disposed of.

At this stage, Mr. N.S. Dandiwal, Advocate for respondent no.4, 6, 7 and 9 to 12 submits that in the case in hand, the trial is pending since 2011 and it will be in the fitness of things if the trial Court is directed to expedite the trial.

Prayer made by learned counsel for respondent no.4,
6, 7 and 9 to 12 carries weight.

Accordingly, the trial Court is directed to make
sincere efforts to expedite the trial.

May 17, 2016
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE