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

**CRM-M-33682-2017
Date of Decision: 12.09.2017**

Harvinder Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. L.M. Gulati, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA J. (ORAL)

Notice of motion.

[2]. On the asking of the Court, Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3.

[3]. In this petition, the petitioner, who is a Clerk in Sant Mohinder Singh Memorial Public School, Village Jarg, Tehsil Payal, District Ludhiana, has prayed for directions to protect his life and liberty as well as harassment from the hands of private respondent Nos.4 to 6, who are stated to be trustees of the school, and who according to the petitioner had engaged themselves in various malpractices as well as corruption. The petitioner claims to have acted as a whistle blower against them. He was allegedly made to sign on certain blank cheques and documents under pressure of the School Authorities when he had applied for a loan amount to meet his family exigencies. He now apprehends that being aggrieved with the act of reporting the corrupt practices, the private respondents may

misuse the papers signed by him by way of implicating him in some false criminal proceedings.

[4]. Without commenting on the merits of the petitioner's allegations, the present petition is disposed off with a direction upon respondent No.2 to take notice of the same, and in the event of any criminal case being filed against the petitioner, to give him adequate notice in terms of Section 160(2) of the Cr.P.C. before resorting to any coercive measure forthwith.

12.09.2017

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

2. Whether reportable: No