

CWP-8052-2017

Date of Decision : 23.05.2017

Avtar Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI**Present:** Mr. K.K. Goel, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Inder Pal Goyat, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

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

Short reply by way of affidavit filed on behalf of respondents No. 1, 2 and 4 to 6 is taken on record.

Through instant petition, the petitioner seeks issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing respondents No. 2 to 6 to provide police protection to the petitioner claiming that he has been granted a contract for handling labour/labour cartage contract by the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala, respondent No. 3, in the capacity as Chairman of Committee for awarding contract of different Purchase Centres of District Patiala.

Aggrieved by the interference of the private respondents, union agencies, who indulged in illegal stopping of the working of the petitioner, the petitioner has sought protection of life and liberty. In the reply filed on behalf of respondents No. 1, 2, 4 to 6, it is stated that the tender allotted to the petitioner has been cancelled by D.S.F.C, Patiala but an assurance has been given that in case, the petitioner feels any danger from any one, it will be open to him to contact the control room

or local police station of the concerned area.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that his contract has been illegally cancelled under the pressure of the private respondents and that he has got an independent right to challenge the same.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and considered the facts and circumstances of the case.

So far as the basis of filing of this petition is concerned, it no more exists as such the petition becomes infructuous.

However, the petitioner being a citizen is entitled to the protection of his life and liberty. As assured by the respondents, in case, there is any apprehension of breach of peace or any threat to the life and liberty of the petitioner, it will be open to the petitioner to approach the concerned Station House Officer or the Senior Superintendent of Police of the area. In the said eventuality, necessary steps will be taken to ensure the protection of life and liberty of the petitioner.

Disposed of.

This order will remain operative for a period of next six months. It will be open to the petitioner to approach this Court again in case, there is any apprehension.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No