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

**CWP-8635-2017
Date of decision : 26.04.2017**

M/s Zimidara Transport Company

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Anurag Chopra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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

The petitioner, a proprietorship firm, engaged in the business of handling contractors, has approached this Court for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.2 to 4 to save life and liberty of its proprietor from the unscrupulous activities undertaken by respondents No.5 to 30, who are bent upon to disrupt the work allotted to the petitioner-firm for Railhead Sunam vide letter dated 10.03.2017, Annexure P-1 for the year 2017-2018 by the FCI Area Manager, Sangrur

Counsel for the petitioner submits that a representation dated 22.04.2017 has already been submitted for protection of life and liberty to the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur and that on account of imminent threat to the life and liberty of the workers of the petitioner-firm, a direction is required to be issued as there is apparent violation of the provisions of Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

Notice to the Advocate General, Punjab.

On asking of Court, Ms. Anu Pal, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4.

In the interest of justice, the petition is disposed of, at this stage, with a direction to the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur to consider the grievance of the petitioner as mentioned in the representation dated 22.04.2017, Anneuxre P-2, for protection of life and liberty of the workers for smooth functioning of process of handling at Railhead Sunam. The said representation of the petitioner will be decided within a period of one month from the date of receipt of copy of this order. However, in case, there is any imminent threat to the life and liberty of any of the workers/representatives of the petitioner-firm, immediate steps would be taken to ensure the maintenance of peace and if necessary, requisite steps may be taken by the concerned Senior Superintendent of Police/Sub Divisional Magistrate for ensuring the prevention of breach of peace as per provisions of law.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

April 26, 2017

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes/ No