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

CWP-8639-2017
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 for Linked Rail Head of Khanna vide letter dated 03.03.2017, Annexure P-1 for a period upto 09.08.2017 by the General Manager, FCI.

Through this instant petition, he seeks a direction for protection of life and liberty apprehending threat at the hands of respondents No.5 to 25.

In this context, a representation dated 21.04.2017, Annexure P-2 has already been submitted by the petitioner to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Khanna and to the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana etc.

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, Ludhiana to consider the grievance of the petitioner as mentioned in the representation dated 21.04.2017, Anneuxre P-2, for protection of life and liberty of the workers for smooth functioning of process of handling of Linked Rail Head, Khanna. It will be ensured that the life and liberty of the proprietor of petitioner-firm is protected. 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