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

**CRM-M-23160-2018
Date of decision-26.02.2019**

Salwinder Singh and others

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. P.S.Ahluwalia, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Harsimar Singh Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure for issuance of directions to the official respondents to protect life and liberty of petitioners and witnesses etc, on apprehension of threat from accused persons (proclaimed offenders) in case FIR No. 151 dated 12.10.2014 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 302, 148 and 120-B read with Section 149 of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Sarhali, District Tarn Taran.

Mr. P.S.Ahluwalia, Advocate who represented these petitioners and filed the petition has apprised the Court that the petitioners have withdrawn the power of attorney from him and he is no more counsel in this matter.

The para 21 of the petition summarizes the relief sought in the petition, which reads as under:-

“That in view of what has been enumerated above, it would be expedient in the interest of justice, equity and fair play that the police protection be provided to the petitioners immediately so as to ensure that they are able to testify freely and fearlessly against the accused persons till the point in time, the proclaimed offenders namely, that accused Uday Singh, Jarmanjit Singh, Sukhraj Singh, Balbir Singh and Chamkaur Singh apprehended by the police. Further appropriate directions be issued to the DGP, Punjab to explain as to what attempt has been made to arrest the proclaimed offenders in the present case for the last 3 ½ years. This Hon'ble Court also directed that the trial should proceed against the accused expeditiously but in view of the fact that delay in conclusion of the trial is being used to tamper with the evidence, it is therefore, in the interest of justice that the trial in the present case proceed on day to day basis so as to ensure that accused persons are not able to disrupt the evidence in the present case.”

Learned State counsel on instructions from Inspector Yadwinder Singh states that all the proclaimed offenders stand arrested and they are in custody. It is also pointed out that the trial in respect of other co-accused already stands concluded by way of judgment of acquittal dated 04.08.2018.

In view of the above, nothing survives for adjudication in the present case and petition is rendered infructuous.

Disposed off as such.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

26.02.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No