

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-46421-2019(O&M)

Date of decision: 31.10.2019

Rajiv Kumar Sharma

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr. Mohinder Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner-a witness appearing on behalf of prosecution prays for direction to provide police protection/security.

It is undisputed that petitioner filed an application before the Standing Committee under Witness Protection Scheme 2018 and the aforesaid Committee passed following order:-

“i) SHO, Police Station Divn. No.1, MHC of Police Station and police Control Room have been appointed as Emergency Contact persons for the witness for next three months;

ii) SHO, Police Station Divn. No.1, is directed to provide close protection by way of regular patrolling around the witness's house and his office;

iii) It will be also ensured that witness and the accused do not come face to face with each other during the trial of the case;

iv) It will be ensured that the statement of

the witness will be recorded at the earliest during the trial of this case and by holding camera trial;

v) If the witness so desired then he can brought the support person who shall remain present during the recording of his statement in the case;

vi) It will also be ensured that his statement is recorded on the same day or on day to day basis.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that after the aforesaid order there was attack on the life of the petitioner.

Since Witness Protection Scheme 2018 has already been introduced and the Standing Committee has been constituted. Therefore, it would be appropriate if the petitioner file fresh application before the Committee. This Court has no doubt that if such an application is filed, the same shall be decided within one week.

Disposed of.

31.10. 2019
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes / No