

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRWP-1626-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 14.2.2020

Jaspreet Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Vaneet Kumar Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has approached this Court seeking issuance of direction to the official respondents to protect the petitioner who is a prosecution witness in a case registered against respondents No.4 and 5 and to inquire the matter thoroughly through some independent agency or by constituting the Special Investigation Team or through some senior officer.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he is a prosecution witness in a case registered against respondents No.4 and 5 vide FIR No.254, dated 31.10.2017, Police Station Division No.5, Ludhiana, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 506, 120-B IPC. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that respondents No.4 and 5 are travel agents and are desperate kind of persons and have been threatening the petitioner with dire consequences in case he deposes against them. Learned counsel has

further submitted that although he made a representation (Annexure P-6) in this regard to the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana (respondent No.3), but no action has been taken thereupon.

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and while refraining from making any expression as regards the veracity of the averments/allegations made in the petition, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana (respondent No.3) to look into the matter and to dispose of representation dated 21.1.2020 (Annexure P-6) expeditiously in accordance with law. In case it is found that there is any apprehension or threat to life and liberty of the petitioner who has to depose as a prosecution witness then necessary steps be taken thereupon at the earliest for ensuring that no harm is caused to the petitioner.

A copy of this order along with copy of representation Annexure P-6 be sent to Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana (respondent No.3), so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.

February 14, 2020

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No