HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Writ Petition No. 6513-2020
Date of decision:-11.09.2020

Darshan Singh ..petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others ..respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ARCHANA PURI

Present:- Ms. Lakhwinder Singh Mann, Advocate for the petitioner.

***ARCHANA PURI, J.*(ORAL)**

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing in the light of COVID-19 pandemic.

Through the present criminal writ petition, the petitioner is seeking issuance of direction to respondent no. 2 to protect the life and personal liberty of the petitioner, who is being harassed by private respondent nos. 5 to 8, who are the members of extended family as they intend to seek forcible possession of his kothi. The petitioner himself is NRI and his family is settled abroad. Also, it is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that no action is being taken by the police authorities on the representation dated 11.08.2020, which is Annexure P-2. Also another representation dated 22.07.2020 (Annexure P-1) has been filed before DSP, Shahkot, who is respondent no.3.

Notice of motion.

Mr. P.S. Walia, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents. However, learned State counsel has brought to the notice of the Court that even though, the petitioner was called by the police authorities, but he did not make appearance and he has assured that

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appropriate action shall be taken on the aforesaid two representations, which are Annexures P1 and P2 respectively.

In view of the assertions so made and the assurance given by learned State counsel, the present criminal writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent nos. 2 to 4 to look into the matter and also to consider the representations dated 22.07.2020 and 11.08.2020, which are Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively and to redress the grievance of the petitioner in accordance with law.

However, as it is submitted by learned State counsel that the petitioner did not make appearance despite having been called by the police authorities, therefore, to avoid any such kind of miscommunication between the two, the petitioner is hereby directed to appear before DSP, Shahkot, respondent no.3, between 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM on 18.09.2020.

However, these observations are circumscribed only for the purposes of disposal of the present petition and shall not be construed as expression on merits and shall also have no effect upon the civil or criminal proceedings, pending between the parties concerned.

September 11, 2020 **(ARCHANA PURI)**
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Whether speaking/reasoned **Yes/No**
Whether reportable **Yes/No**

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