

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

207 - CWP-16626-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 17.11.2020

Beant Singh & Ors.

... Petitioners

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. JS Warring, Advocate for the petitioners
Mr. Suveer Sheokhand, Addl. AG Punjab

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

The petitioners have filed the present writ petition *inter alia* seeking police protection to respondents No.4&5 for the purpose of installation of electric supply line duly sanctioned by PSPCL.

Record shows that vide order dated 09.10.2020, notice of motion was issued to respondents No.3 & 6 only. Reply on behalf of respondents No.3&6 has been filed on 26.10.2020 and in para 2 of the preliminary submission, it has been stated as under:-

“That in this regard it is submitted that on 14.08.2020 Amrik Singh, Junior Engineer, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited Sub Division Golewal had presented letter No.827 dated 14.08.2020 sent by Assistant Incharge Sub Division Golewal before SHO, Police Station Saar Faridkot and requested to provide police protection. As per request of Junior Engineer, the Sub Inspector Harmail Singh along with HC Gurjit Singh and HC Navpreet Singh and L/PHG Kulwinder Kaur went to village Pehluwala where Beant Singh, SDO, PSPCL along with other employees was already present. But as large number of persons

were gathered at the spot and there was apprehension to law and order due to which SDO had directed both the parties to solve the matter within 2 days and sent back the police party. Copies of DDR No.17 dated 14.08.2020 and DDR No.20 dated 14.08.2020 are attached herewith as Annexure R-1/T and R-2/T respectively. After that till today the employee of PSPCL have not approached the answering respondents to get protection. However, answering respondents are ready to provide police protection to the employees of PSPCL as and when requested.”

In view of the above, no further orders are called for. The present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3&6 to stand by the averments made above. It is directed that they shall provide police protection to the employees of PSPCL as and when a written request is received.

So ordered.

17.11.2020

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1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

Yes/No
Yes/No