

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

CWP- 20873-2020

Date of Decision : December 04, 2020

Mahinder Pal

..... PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

.... RESPONDENT(S)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Jastej Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.
 Ms. Anju Arora, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

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Sanjay Kumar, J.

The petitioner is a Contractor. He claims that the police officials posted at Police Station Civil Lines, District Patiala, are acting at the behest of rival Contractors and preventing him from participating in tendering for works. His further allegation is that the said police officials are committing various atrocities against him and others. Aggrieved thereby, he submitted representation dated 29.11.2020 to the Director General of Police, Punjab, setting out his grievances in detail and praying for adequate protection being extended to safeguard his life and liberty and the life and liberty of his family members. Reiterating that prayer, he is presently before this Court.

As it is for the police authorities to set their house in order in the event the petitioner's allegations are true, it would be appropriate that the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala, looks into the matter and takes necessary action. Being the senior-most official of the police department in the district, he would be better placed to verify the contents of the petitioner's representation. Though a copy of the representation dated 29.11.2020 was not marked to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala, the same has been placed on record as Annexure P-6.

Ms. Anju Arora, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, would state that a copy of the said representation would be made available to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala, so that he can examine the contents thereof and take appropriate action thereon, as warranted.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala, to consider the petitioner's representation dated 29.11.2020 on its own merits and take suitable action thereon, as warranted, in accordance with law. The Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala, shall also ensure due protection of the lives and liberty of the petitioner and his family members, as per law.

No order as to costs.

December 04, 2020
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(Sanjay Kumar)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No