

Tarlochan Singh Sarpanch

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURIPresent: Mr. J.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dulat, Addl. AG, Punjab.

Through Video Conferencing**JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J.(ORAL)**

The present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to ensure protection of the life and liberty of the petitioner. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is a Sarpanch of the village Jawaharke, Tehsil and District Mansa and the land belonging to Panchayat is to be released out by the Panchayat in accordance with law. He has referred to Annexure P-1, wherein, the Special Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Department has already held that the land already vests with the Gram Panchayat and it is to be used for common purpose and resolution was also passed by the Gram Panchayat vide Annexure P-2. He has submitted that respondent No.7 is forcibly threatening the petitioner preventing leasing out the land and for that purpose he has moved representation to Senior Superintendent of Police,

Mansa, (Annexure P-4) on 06.10.2020 seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioner as he is apprehending threats at the time of auction/bidding of the aforesaid land.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 6 only, at this stage.

On the asking of the court, Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dulat, Addl. AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State of Punjab and states that he has no objection in case appropriate directions are issued to the concerned police officials for looking into the representation of the petitioner.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa, to decide the representation dated 06.10.2020, (Annexure P-4) and in case, if required, then take appropriate action in accordance with law. Needless to say that the police officials shall also assess threat perception of the petitioner, who is the Sarpanch of the village and to take necessary measures, if so required.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

December 09, 2020

Manpreet

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