

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

CRWP-10834-2020

Date of decision : 23.12.2020

SONIA CONTRACTOR

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Mr. Shiv Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, DAG, Punjab.

ALKA SARIN, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The present criminal writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of directions to respondent Nos.1 to 3 for providing police protection to the petitioner to carry out her work as labour contractor for PUNGRAIN as also to protect her life and liberty at the hands of goons of Galla Mazdoor Union, Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that the petitioner was granted the labour contract under the Government Policy for the year 2020-21 and by 31.12.2020 the petitioner has to lift about 1,60,000 bags of wheat which she is not being permitted to do as her work is being obstructed by the Galla Mazdoor Union.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Senior DAG, Punjab has joined the session through video conferencing and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3. On instructions from SI Iqbal Singh, he has stated that a law and order situation was created due to the fact that there were some labourers which the petitioner had hired who did not belong to the area and hence there was a situation created between the local labour and labour hired by the petitioner. He, however, states that police shall be making all arrangement to ensure that no such

situation is created and the petitioner is able to carry out her work unhindered.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner in the present case has a legal allotment of tenders in her favour by the Government of Punjab and she is alleged to being obstructed from carrying out her work. As stated in the petition, the petitioner had earlier also approached this Court by way of CWP-10711-2018 challenging her blacklisting. Vide order dated 20.09.2018, the petition was disposed off since the order of blacklisting was withdrawn. However, while disposing off the said petition it was directed that the petitioner will be allowed to carry out her work contract and assistance would be provided, if required. The situation now seems to be no different where the petitioner is not being allowed to carry out her work and in case any hindrance is created and the petitioner is unable to carry out her work, she would be facing consequences as per the provisions of the contract.

In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the present petition is disposed off with a direction that the official respondents shall ensure that there is no hindrance to the petitioner carrying out her work under the contracts awarded to her for the year 2020-2021 and, if required, she be provided adequate protection.

(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE

December 23, 2020

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Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking
Whether reportable: YES/NO