

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 22647 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision:04.01.2021

Shahi Hindu Takhat @ Sarab Hindu Shiv Maha MandalPetitioner

Versus

Union of India and others Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr.Harjeet Singh Minhas, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India with
Mr. Dheeraj Jain, Advocate for Union of India.

Mr. Gaurav Garg Dhuriwala, Sr.DAG, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J(Oral).

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Prayer in this writ petition is for providing Security Cover/Protection to the petitioner claiming to be a religious head of “Shahi Hindu Takhat” @ Sarab Hindu Shiv Maha Mandal and for implementation of Royale Order of the year 1609 (Annexure P-4) allegedly issued by Emperor Jahangir.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, restricts his prayer for providing security cover/protection to the petitioner in view of eminent danger to his life and liberty and for obvious reasons does not press for the latter.

I have heard learned counsel, perused the file as well as representations moved by the petitioner in December 2020. A perusal

thereof reveals that no specific instance indicating a clear cut threat to the life and liberty of the petitioner is detailed in the said representation. However, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been constantly receiving ominous threats over his cell-phone from unknown persons and at various occasions.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction that in case, the petitioner submits a comprehensive representation within one week, before the competent authority in respect to the perceived threat to his life and liberty and provision of security cover/ protection to him, the same shall be considered by the competent authority in accordance with law. Necessary action, as may be/if any, required, be taken expeditiously thereafter, preferably within four weeks.

04.01.2021

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[LISA GILL]**Judge**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No.

Whether reportable : Yes/No.