

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No. 2055 of 2022

Date of Decision: 4th May, 2022

Gurpreet Singh

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. G. S. Simble, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. R. S. Thind, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

This is a petition seeking directions to provide adequate security to the petitioner keeping in view the threat perception.

As per the pleadings, the petitioner is working as Manager of Rajindra Wines at Batala and he looks after the business of Rajinder Kumar @ Pappu, Ex-Chairman of Zila Parishad. As per the allegations, a threatening call was received from an unknown person. The caller named a gangster that he belongs to the said group and demanded extortion money, thereafter, a WhatsApp message was received. An application was moved on 24.3.2022 to Senior superintendent of Police, Batala for providing adequate security. The petitioner was allegedly attacked by persons on 13.11.2021 for which FIR No. 228 dated 13.11.2021 was registered and both the accused were arrested by the police.

The State has filed reply dated 3.5.2022. It is pleaded that in case of FIR No. 228, five accused have been arrested, for two accused arrest warrants have been issued and the challan is being prepared. The

enquiry on the complaint of the petitioner was entrusted to Incharge, CIA, Batala. The enquiry officer recommended filing of the complaint. The petitioner filed another representation on 20.8.2021, which was entrusted to Deputy Superintendent of Police, City Batala. The said complaint was withdrawn by the petitioner stating that he did not want to pursue it.

The relevant pleadings of the reply are quoted below:

“6 (vi) That, at present there is no threat to Gurpreet Singh son of Nishan Singh as he could not produce any recording or documents in this respect before the enquiry officer. However SHO P. S. Civil Lines Batala has been given directions to ensure the protection of life and liberty of Gurpreet Singh s/o Nishan Singh through Mobile PCR and local police patrolling in order to avoid any untoward incident.

7. That in accordance with the provisions of the State Security Policy, an assessment of threat perception in respect of the petitioner has been carried out by the office of Additional Director General of Police, Security, Punjab Chandigarh through an objective appraisal of latest threat inputs received from concerned quarters i.e. The State Intelligence Wing and the district Police, Batala, Gurdaspur, it has been revealed that there is no specific input indicating any threat to security of the petitioner. Therefore personal security cover at State expense is not warranted in the case of petitioner, within the framework of

the State Security Police.”

As per the reply filed, assessment was made that there was no threat perception and moreover the petitioner failed to produce any recording or documents to substantiate the allegations made in the complaint.

In view of the reply filed, no further directions are called for in the present petition.

The petition is dismissed.

However, the petitioner would be at liberty to avail remedies in accordance with law in case need so arises in future.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

4th May, 2022
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1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes / No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes / No