

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

CRWP-3458-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 22nd September, 2022

Dilbag Kharb

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : Mr. H.S. Rajput, Advocate and
Mr. Suvir Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Gurmeet Singh, AAG, Haryana.
Mr. Partap Singh, Advocate
for applicant-respondent No.5.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

1. This petition was filed seeking for protection of life and liberty of the petitioner as there was a threat perception from the hands of respondent No.5. Further directions were sought to submit final report in FIR No. 292, dated 29th July, 2020, under Sections 120-B, 34, 342, 364-A and 379-A of Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station City Matlauda, District Panipat.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner fairly submits that challan in FIR No. 292 has been filed and trial is proceeding. He further submits that petitioner is a complainant in one of the FIR registered against respondent No.5. He seeks liberty to move an application before the concerned authorities for seeking protection, as per law including under the Haryana Witness Protection Scheme, 2020 (for short 'the Scheme').

3. Learned State counsel on instructions from Naresh submits that in case such a request is made, same would be considered expeditiously in accordance with law.

4. Mr. Partap Singh, Advocate appearing for respondent No.5 submits that the petitioner was neither the complainant nor a witness in any of the FIR registered against respondent No.5. He further submits that respondent No.5 himself is a victim and has been falsely implicated in number of FIRs.

5. In view of the above, the petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to avail remedies in accordance with law for redressal of surviving grievance, if any.

6. However, there is no doubt that in eventuality of the petitioner approaching the concerned authority under the Scheme, the same would be considered in accordance with law as expeditious as possible.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

22nd September, 2022

Parveen Sharma

Whether reasoned/speaking
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No