

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-2445-2018

DATE OF DECISION: MARCH 10, 2022

BALJIT SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS.

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ.

PRESENT: MR. RAMAN GOKLANEY, ADVOCATE
FOR THE PETITIONER.

MR. RAMANDEEP SINGH SANDHU, SR.DAG, PUNJAB.

MR. DEEPAK JAIN, ADVOCATE
FOR THE ACCUSED-INTERVENOR.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner-complainant has filed this petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for entrusting the investigation of case FIR No.97 dated 19.10.2017, under Section 302, 382, 148, 149, 120-B IPC and Section 25, 27 Arms Act, Police Station Sadar Abohar, District Fazilka to CBI or any other independent agency and also sought protection for himself and family members, as they were facing threats from the accused persons who allegedly committed the murder of his brother.

On 22.1.2018, the following order was passed:-

“Notice of motion for 22.3.2018.

In the meantime, Director General of Police, Punjab is directed to form a Special Investigation Team headed by an officer not below the rank of Superintendent of Police and complete the investigation

at the earliest and submit the status report in this Court.

Meanwhile, Baljit Singh petitioner and his family members be also provided protection to their life, limb and liberty.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that as the trial is at defence stage and the material witnesses have already deposed before the trial Court and pursuant to this, his prayer has been rendered infructuous. He further states that though the petitioner and other witnesses have deposed, but the trial is still going on, therefore, protection part ordered by this Court on 22.1.2018, be extended till the trial is concluded.

Learned State counsel does not dispute this fact that presently protection has already been provided pursuant to order dated 22.1.2018 and he further states that it shall continue till the trial is over.

In view of the above stand of the parties, nothing more survives for adjudication in this case.

Petition is disposed off.

March 10, 2022
Gulati

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether Reportable : Yes/No

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No