

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

**CRM-M No.28058 of 2022
Date of Decision:- 04.07.2022**

Ashok Kumar and others

....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present:- Mr. Rishu Garg, Advocate with Mr. Rashmeet Singh,
Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Naveen K. Sheoran, DAG, for respondents
No.1 to 3.

Mr. Vinod Ghai, Sr. Advocate with Ms. Kanika Ahuja,
Mr. Harish Chhabra and Mr. Jitender Khurana, Advocate
for respondent No.4.

Mr. Akshay Bhan, Sr. Advocate with Mr. Akhilesh
Barak, Advocate for respondent No.5.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.

The present petition has been filed by the petitioners seeking issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3 to verify the authenticity of Dera Sacha Sauda Chief Dr. Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh Insan, alleging that the official respondents (respondents No.1 to 3) in collusion with private respondents (respondents No.4 and 5)

have replaced the original Dera Chief with some dummy person having same or identical physical appearance.

The counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners are well wishers and followers of Baba Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh Insan, who was released on parole on 17.06.2022. The counsel further contends that the petitioners and other followers have noticed changes in physical features and personality of the Dera Chief. The counsel for the petitioners further contends that changes are noticed in the height, length of fingers and size of the feet of Dera Chief. Thus, making it apparently clear that Baba Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh Insan has been replaced by dummy person having almost similar physical appearance/features except for the height, size of upper and lower limbs, by respondents No.4 and 5 in connivance with the State Government. The counsel for the petitioners further submits that the matter requires to be investigated and in this regard representation, Annexure P-3, has already been given to the State Government but the concerned authorities have failed to take any action.

The advance notice of the present petition was issued and accordingly, Mr. Naveen K. Sheoran, DAG, has put in appearance on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, whereas, Mr. Vinod Ghai, Sr. Advocate with Ms. Kanika Ahuja, has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.4, while Mr. Akshay Bhan, Sr. Advocate

with Mr. Akhilesh Barak, Advocate, has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.5.

The assistance of the State counsel has been sought for disposal of the present petition, who apprised the Court that earlier also petitioner No.1-Ashok Kumar appeared as a friend/follower of Dera Sacha Sauda in CRM-M-43607-2019 titled Dr. Mohit Gupta Vs. Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Jails, Government of Haryana and the said petition was dismissed by the coordinate Bench of this Court with costs of Rs.50,000/- vide order dated 06.11.2019. The copy of the same is taken on record.

I have considered the submissions made by counsel for the petitioners.

Admittedly, Baba Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh Insan was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment in a rape case by the CBI Court in August, 2017. Subsequently, he was also convicted in a murder case in 2021. Baba Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh Insan has been serving sentence. However, he has been recently released on parole in June, 2022 and presently he is out of jail being on parole. During the trial of the aforesaid cases his identity was established and even when he was lodged in jail his identity was verified by the jail authorities and he was released on parole for a period of one month just 15-20 days back and on expiry of the said period, he is to surrender before the concerned jail authorities to serve the remaining sentence.

As has been stated by the counsel for the petitioners, the present petition has been filed by the well wishers of Dera Sacha Sauda Chief namely Baba Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh Insan. The apprehension of the petitioners is that the Dera chief has been replaced with some dummy person, by respondents No.4 and 5.

Undoubtedly, we are not living in a virtual world. We are living in the real world, which is reality. The allegations raised by the petitioners in the present petition appears to be unnatural and irrational and even can be considered as a figment of someone's imagination. It is highly improbable that original Baba Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh Insan has been replaced with his replica/duplicate having similar physical appearance by respondents No.4 and 5 or the State Government, as has been alleged by the petitioners. The present petition is not based on any logic or scientific reasoning.

As per the interim order dated 24.10.2019 passed by the coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-43607-2019 decided on 06.11.2019, present petitioner No.1-Ashok Kumar also marked his presence in the aforesaid petition being friend/follower of the Dera. Undoubtedly, the said petition was dismissed with costs of Rs.50,000/-.

In view of the matter, the present petition appears to be filed with oblique motive may be to gain publicity/sympathy of the general public. So no ground for interference is made out.

Consequently, the present petition is hereby dismissed,
so also the pending miscellaneous application(s), if any.

04.07.2022

P. Chawla

Whether reasoned / speaking?

Whether reportable?

(KARAMJIT SINGH)

JUDGE

Yes / No

Yes / No