

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

**CRWP-2610-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision:20.11.2023**

Dharminder Singh @ Goli

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : None for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Chaudhary, AAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1 The petitioner has filed the present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India with a prayer to direct respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner and to shift the petitioner from Central Jail, Bhatinda to some other jail either in his home district or in some other adjoining district.

2. A detailed reply by way of an affidavit of Superintendent Central Jail, Bhatinda has been filed on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

3. Learned State counsel submits that the petitioner is currently confined in Central Jail, Bhatinda in case FIR No.110 dated 30.04.2016 under Sections 364,302,201,148,149 of IPC and under section 25/27 of Arms Act, Police station Sultanwind and 23 other criminal cases. The petitioner is lodged as a high risk prisoner with more than 20 pending cases including cases of murder, dacoity, attempt to murder, kidnapping, robbery and cases under the Arms Act, NDPS Act, Prison Act etc. have been registered against him. He further contends that the petitioner was transferred from Central Jail

Patiala to Central Jail, Bhatinda on account that the petitioner is a high risk prisoner and he was transferred for ensuring his safety, security under effective administration of the prisons. The petitioner has been lodged in high security zone in Central Jail Bhatinda and there is no threat to his life and liberty there. Apart from that, the basic amenities like food, water, medical help, communicating with his family members through jail PCO, canteen facilities, newspaper books from jail library, physical *mulaqaat etc.* have been provided to the petitioner.

4. Learned State counsel further submits that the Central Jail Bhatinda has been specifically designated for high risk prisoners and there is a triple layer security by employing CRPF, Punjab Prisons and Punjab Police etc.

5. In view of the submissions made by learned State counsel, no further directions are required and the petition is accordingly disposed off.

20.11.2023
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No