

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP 2744 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision:12.09.2023

Manoj Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

Present : Ms. Sukhpreet Kaur Grewal, Advocate for
Mr. Nagar Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Chaudhary, AAG, Punjab.

N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India with a prayer to issue appropriate directions to respondents No. 1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner as he is being illegally and unnecessarily harassed by the private respondents in collusion with the local police.
2. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that she would confine her prayer only to the grant of relief of protection of life and liberty of the petitioner as he apprehends threat at the hands of private respondents in collusion with respondent

No. 4. She further contends that for other reliefs, the petitioner may be permitted to avail his alternative remedies, in accordance with law.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is a journalist of a local area news paper and is being threatened by the private respondents as he had published news articles about the misdeeds of the private respondents.

4. Learned State counsel has filed the reply by way of an affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police (Detective), Sub-Division Samana, District Patiala on behalf of the respondents No. 1 to 4. Learned State counsel submits that the matter relating to the threat to the life and liberty of the petitioner has also been inquired by the local police and it has been found that there is no threat to the petitioner. He further contends that the petitioner is threatening and blackmailing the respondents for money. He further contends that on earlier occasions also, the petitioner had published false news about the private respondents.

5. Learned State counsel further submits that in case any representation is received from the petitioner with regard to threat to his life and liberty, appropriate action shall be taken in accordance with law.

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

7. Needless to say, the petitioner shall be at liberty to avail his alternative remedies for the other reliefs claimed in the present petition, in accordance with law. \

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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking

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Yes/No

Whether reportable

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Yes/No