

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

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**CWP-8314-2023 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 24.11.2023.**

NEERAJ JINDAL

... Petitioner

VERSUS**STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Ms. Ruchita Garg, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Teevar Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The prayer made in the present writ petition was for providing security to the petitioner which is claimed to have been withdrawn without assigning any reasons.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner contends that the petitioner a leader of the Bhartiya Janta Party and is the State Vice President of Bhartiya Janta Party Yuva Morcha. On account of his association with Bhartiya Janta Party, he was provided security vide order dated 15.01.2021, during the period of farmers' agitation throughout the State of Punjab. Thereafter, the above said security has been withdrawn without assigning any valid reasons.

Pursuant to the notice, a short reply by way of affidavit of Satvir Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police (SD), Barnala has been filed wherein it has been averred that the Farmers' Agitation against three farm laws had commenced w.e.f. September 2020 and that with a view to ensure well being of the leaders of the ruling party in the Government of India, the State had issued directions to provide protection to the leaders of the BJP. Simultaneously, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Barnala, ordered to provide security to the petitioner and one Yadwinder Singh, District President, BJP, Barnala, vide order dated 15.01.2021. The said Farm Laws were thereafter withdrawn by the Government of India and the agitation came to an end on 11.12.2021. Hence, the leaders faced no further threat on account of ongoing Farmer's agitation. Consequently, the Additional Director General of Police, Security, Punjab, vide order dated 24.04.2023 ordered for withdrawal of the security. The information was thereafter sent to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Barnala, vide letter dated 24.04.2023. It has further been averred that there is no threat to the life and liberty of the petitioner and that even otherwise, he is holding an arms licence and is having two licensed weapons.

In view of aforesaid stand that there is no security threat or valid apprehension to the life and liberty of the petitioner coupled with the fact that the interim arrangement for security had been made at the time of ongoing Farmers' agitation and which such agitation has already come to an end, I find that there is no error apparent in the decision of the respondent-State to discontinue with the security extended on account of an exigent circumstances.

The present petition is accordingly dismissed.

November 24, 2023.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No