

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

CRWP-5378-2022

Date of Decision:09.05.2023

Gurpreet Singh

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Vishal Aggarwal, Advocate with
Mr. Mona Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S.Bajwa, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

The petitioner has preferred the instant petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of an appropriate directions to respondents No.2 and 3 to safeguard the life and liberty of the petitioner and his family members, as they apprehend imminent threat at the hands of certain persons, who wield considerable influence in the police and political circles.

The petitioner, who is NRI, owns certain ancestral properties in District Ludhiana. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that a conspiracy has been hatched by certain influential persons to grab the property of the petitioner situated at village Sunet, Tehsil and District Ludhiana. Even he had moved a representation dated 06.04.2020 to the police officials by levelling specific allegations against certain persons, still, no action was taken in the matter.

Upon notice, a reply was filed by way of affidavit of Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4. Learned State counsel had informed the Court that an inquiry was marked to examine the allegations levelled by the present petitioner. The Inquiry Officer found that the representation dated 06.04.2020 (Annexure P-1) was not received by the office of Senior Superintendent of Police. Learned State counsel had further informed that the allegations were basically related to the dispute over immovable property situated at village Sunet, Tehsil and District Ludhiana. Even the petitioner and the complainant had not mentioned any contact number and they could not be contacted. Apart from that, the matter was also pending before the NRI Commission and no action was required to be taken at that stage.

On 21.02.2023, the petitioner/complainant was directed to join the inquiry and later, a fresh status report by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, City -2, Bathinda was filed on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4. Learned State counsel contends that regarding the threat perception of the petitioner, an enquiry has been got conducted from the Station House Officer, Police Station Civil Lines, Bathinda. During the inquiry, the petitioner could not produce any proof in support of the allegations levelled by him in the present petition and there is no danger to the life and liberty of the petitioner, as revealed during the inquiry. The petitioner has been provided the mobile phone numbers of the Station House Officer, Police Station Civil Lines, Bathinda, MHC Police Station Civil Lines, Bathinda and Incharge PCR Bathinda and he has been advised to contact the said mobile numbers, in case any need arises. Learned State counsel has further assured the Court that the Station House

Officer, Police Station Civil Lines, Bathinda shall take all necessary steps to ensure the safety and security of the petitioner, in case, any genuine threat is found to the life and liberty of the petitioner. Learned State Counsel further submits that in case, any representation is made by the petitioner with regard to the threat to his life and liberty, the same shall be considered in accordance with law and an appropriate action shall be taken in the matter.

In view of the assurance made by learned State counsel, no further directions are required and the present petition stands disposed of, accordingly.

09.05.2023

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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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