

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

**COCP-1661-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 28.09.2023**

Balwinder Singh @ Bittu

... Petitioner

Vs.

Paramjit Singh Sandhu, AIG, Punjab Police and anr.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: None for the petitioner.

ASI Chaman Lal, office of DGP, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

In view of resolution of the Bar, the lawyers are abstaining from work today.

Reply by way of affidavit of DGP, Punjab, filed in the Court today, is taken on record, in which it is stated that the petitioner is a protectee, being a prosecution witness in the assassination case of late Beant Singh, then Chief Minister of Punjab, who turned hostile during the trial, as per information received from SP, CBI, SC-II, New Delhi. The case was also examined by SSP, Security & Traffic, U.T. Chandigarh, who gave a report on 14.10.2021 that petitioner Balwinder Singh @ Bittu appeared as PW98 regarding identity of accused persons and failed to support the prosecution evidence, therefore, he

was declared hostile. However, considering that the petitioner was a witness in a high profile murder case and considering threat perception, he was provided security. It is further stated that while disposing of CWP-4277-2021, on 15.03.2021, the writ Court passed an order that five police personnel are available for security of the petitioner. At present, again the police officials are deputed as security cover to the petitioner, names of whom are given in para No.6 of the affidavit. It is also stated that security is being continuing as per guidelines of the State Security Policy, 2013 and there is no violation of the order.

In view of the above, present petition is rendered as infructuous at this stage, with liberty to revive the same, if so required.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No