

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

**CRWP No.5418 of 2023
Date of decision : 02.06.2023**

Ranjeet Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Suram Singh Rana, Advocate with
Mr. Arvind Kumar Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life, liberty and property of the petitioner from the hands of respondents No.4 to 26, in accordance with law.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contended that the petitioner is a retired police officer and it is only on account of the same, after his retirement, he has been harassed by the private respondents as the petitioner honestly discharged his duties while he was in service. He fairly submits that the petitioner has earlier approached this Court by way of filing **CRWP No.1089 of 2023** praying for grant of protection and the same was disposed of by this Court vide order dated 06.02.2023. He further submits that though the State has taken action in pursuance to the order passed by this Court, however, the petitioner is

repeatedly being harassed on the basis of frivolous complaints filed by the private respondents. He submits that the petitioner is a senior citizen, so he may not be harassed at the whims and fancies of the private respondents.

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab, appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3-State.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to ensure the protection of life and liberty of the petitioner as earlier directed by this Court. Respondent No.2 would further take into consideration that in case, he is required for any complaint filed against him, the Competent Authority would take action by complying the provisions of Cr.P.C. as held by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in "*Arnesh Kumar vs. State of Bihar*", 2014 (3) RCR 527.

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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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