

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

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**CWP-15065-2022 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 20.11.2023.**

PIRTPAL SINGH @ BOBBY

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Preetinder S. Ahluwalia, Advocate, and
Ms. Keerat Dhillon, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Gaurav Garg Dhuriwala, Addl. A.G. Punjab.
for the respondents.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer made in the present writ petition was for seeking issuing of directions to the official respondents to provide adequate security to the petitioner and his family members in light of the continuous threats and multiple attempts at the life of the petitioner by various notorious gangsters.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is running his business under the name and style of M/s Seabird Group of Companies. It is submitted that on 31.12.2020, the petitioner was travelling along with his Accountant, they were stopped by 4-5 youngsters who abducted the petitioners and took him to a room and brutally tortured him.

The petitioner was released only after he agreed to pay ransom money of Rs.2 Crores to the said accused persons. An FIR No.04 dated 02.01.2021, under Sections 365, 379-B, 307, 387, 506, 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 as well as under Section 25 of the Arms Act, was registered at Police Station Sohan, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali. Thereafter, in the month of February 2022, the Organised Crime Control Unit, Punjab contacted the petitioner and arranged a covert operation as they were in receipt of certain information with regard to threat to the life of the present petitioner. Yet another FIR No.41 dated 15.02.2022 was registered at Police Station City Kharar, on the basis of the information that Gurjant Singh who lives in Australia along with Arshdeep Singh Gill @ Dala who lives in Canada are operating a gang and are committing heinous crimes in the State of Punjab. Four days thereafter, another FIR No.36 dated 19.02.2022 was also registered at Police Station Mohana, District Sonapat was also registered in the State of Haryana for commission of offences punishable under Sections 16, 17, 18, 20 and 21 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (Amendment 2012) and Sections 25/54/59 of the Arms Act and Section 120-B of the Indian Penal Code on account of one criminal Sagar associated with Khalistan Tiger Force and Sikh Youth Federation's member Gurjant Singh @ Janta and Arshdeep Singh Dala for providing weapons to different criminals. Due to close proximity of Gurjant Singh with the erstwhile partner of the present petitioner, he has been continuously making plans one after another for committing murder of the petitioner.

Upon notice, respondent-State of Punjab, filed a short reply.

The same, however, is not being adverted to at this juncture since the

learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, on instructions from ASI Chaman Lal, submits that as per communication sent from the office of Additional Director General of Police (Security), Punjab to the Senior Superintendent of Police, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, total 05 additional police personnel have been ordered to be provided to the petitioner till further review of the security.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner contends that at this juncture, he is satisfied with the steps initiated by the respondent-State to ensure the protection of the life of the petitioner and does not wish to press the present writ petition any further.

Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of as not pressed, at this stage. The respondents shall make adequate arrangement for ensuring protection of life and liberty of the petitioner as per the periodic assessment done by them from time to time.

November 20, 2023.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No