

228 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.5602-2023
Date of Decision:19.07.2023

Jujhar Singh alias Simran ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. R. Kartikeya, Advocate and
Mr. R. Akanksha, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Karunesh Kaushal, AAG, Punjab.

ANOOP CHITKARA, J.

Seeking issuance of directions to the respondents for protecting life and liberty of the petitioner and further for issuance of directions to the respondents to produce the petitioner in pending Court proceedings through video conferencing on account of threat to his life.

2. After arguing for some time, petitioner’s counsel submits that he had two fold submissions. Firstly, he has threat from various in-mates or their co-counts and secondly he has to face massive number of trials and his transportation is risk to his life and they would have no objection whatsoever in case his appearance is made through video conferencing for all trials. On instructions, counsel further submits that his client would be undertaking that in case in every trial, he is produced through video conferencing, he shall not claim any prejudice before any of the Court.

3. Given above, considering the threat perception and the undertaking of the petitioner for not claiming prejudice before any of the Court, the concerned Courts shall consider such request for his presence through video conferencing when his physical presence is not required subject to filing his written undertaking in Court.

4. The petitioner’s counsel further seeks liberty to file a fresh representation the concerned Director General of Prisons, the same be decided in a time bound manner.

5 Given above, the petitioner is at liberty to file a fresh representation before the concerned Director General of Prisons and in case, the petitioner files such representation within 15 days from today, the Director General of Prisons either personally or delegate the same to any IPS Officer under him, shall decide the same within one month from the date of

filing of representation. It is clarified that such order must be a reasoned order, and the same be communicated to the petitioner's counsel without delay.

6. Liberty reserved to the petitioner to file fresh petition or to take other legal remedies in accordance with the law, in case the petitioner is not satisfied with the outcome.

7. It is clarified that there is no adjudication on merits and this order shall not come in the way if the interrogation of the petitioner is required in any cognizable case. **It is further clarified that all the representations mentioned in the present petition, which are pending as on date, are treated to be closed.**

8. *There would be no need for a certified copy of this order, and any Advocate for the Petitioner and State can download this order and other relevant particulars from the official web page of this court and attest it to be a true copy. The concerned officer can also verify its authenticity and may download and use the downloaded copy for immediate use.*

Petition is disposed of to the extent mentioned above. All pending applications, if any, stand disposed.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
Whether reportable:	No.