

**242 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRWP-7846-2023
Date of decision: 21.11.2023**

HARSIMRAN SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Jagdish Singh Mahal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Digvijay Nagpal, AAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to respondents No.2 to 4, to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner and family members endangered at the hands of respondents No. 5 to 10.

2. Learned State counsel on instructions, has apprised the Court that 04, out of the 06 accused named in the FIR stand arrested and earnest efforts are being made to arrest the fifth accused. It has also been submitted that challan qua the four arrested accused is ready, however, since the fifth accused has still not been arrested, there has been delay in the presentation of challan.

3. Learned State counsel has further submitted that the sixth accused, Gurpreet Singh was found innocent during investigation and has thus been exonerated by the investigating agency.

4. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner has

submitted that he would restrict his prayer to protection of life and liberty of the petitioner and his family at the hands of respondents No. 5 to 10. He submits that he would be satisfied, if directions are issued to respondents No. 3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur to assess the threat perception and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

6. Heard.

7. In view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the instant petition is disposed of with directions to respondents No. 3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur to look into the threat perception as alleged by the petitioner and thereafter take appropriate steps, if any, required in accordance with law.

21.11.2023

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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