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

CRWP-7785-2023

Date of decision: 10.08.2023

Abhay Singh Chautala

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL**

Present: Mr. Ashok Aggarwal, Sr. Advocate with  
Mr. Shrenik Jain, Advocate and  
Mr. Radhe Shyam Sharma, Advocate and  
Mr. Nilesh Bhardwaj, Advocate and  
Mr. Hari Pal, Advocate and  
Mr. Sandeep Goyat, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India with  
Ms. Saigeeta Srivastava, Advocate for respondent No.1-UOI.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. A.G. Haryana  
for respondent Nos.2 to 6.

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**VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)**

1. This is a Criminal Writ Petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to provide adequate security cover to the petitioner through a Central/State Security Agency, in the light of the threat faced by the petitioner on 17.07.2023.

2. On 07.08.2023, this Court had passed the following order:-

*“Learned senior counsel for the petitioner has submitted*

*that the petitioner who is a Member of the Legislative Assembly from Ellenabad, is on a Haryana Parivartan Padayatra all over the State of Haryana since 24.02.2023 and during the said Padayatra, the petitioner has been raising public issues in various public meetings and the said Padayatra is to be completed on 25.09.2023 and his yatra would cover 1000 kms. It is further submitted that on 15.06.2023, a press conference was organized in the District Sirsa wherein, threats were given to the petitioner to stop him from raising slogans against drug peddlers and liquor mafia and thereafter, one Kuldeep Godara, belonging to the village of the petitioner had given a complaint dated 22.06.2023. It is further submitted that after the abovesaid incident, some unknown persons have been calling from unknown numbers and have been giving continuous threats to the petitioner and to the Personal Assistant (P.A.) of the petitioner namely, Ramesh Godara through whatsapp calls and voice call messages and regarding the same, FIR no.321 dated 18.07.2023 has been registered on the complaint of the P.A. of the petitioner under Section 506 IPC at Police Station Jind Sadar and the telephone numbers, from which the said calls have been made, have also been specifically mentioned in the said FIR. It is stated that thereafter the petitioner was provided additional security cover of four police personnel but the same was provided only for two days and was withdrawn thereafter in spite of the fact that none of the accused persons in the said FIR have been arrested and the Padayatra of the petitioner has not been completed and there is threat to the life and liberty of the petitioner and his family members. It is prayed that at least till the time, the Padayatra does not finish, the said additional four police personnel be provided to the petitioner for security purposes.*

*Learned State counsel prays for a short adjournment to*

*get instructions in the matter.*

*Adjourned to 10.08.2023.*

*To be taken up after the urgent cases.”*

3. Learned State Counsel appearing on behalf of respondent Nos.2 to 6 has filed a short reply by way of an affidavit of Mr. Sumit Kumar, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Jind-respondent No.5, today in the Court which is taken on record, in which, it has been stated that the petitioner, at present, has four (2+2) PSOs and after registration of FIR No.321 dated 18.07.2023 under Section 506 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Sadar Jind, District Jind, four additional gunmen were immediately deployed on 18.07.2023 in the security of the petitioner to ensure the protection of life and liberty of the petitioner. It is further submitted that the same was withdrawn on 20.07.2023.

4. Learned State Counsel, on instructions from Sh. Saurav Singh, IPS, I.G. Security and CID, has submitted that only on account of the fact that the petitioner is on Haryana *Parivartan Padyatra* till 25.09.2023, three additional gunmen would be deployed in the security of the petitioner on the dates when the petitioner is on the said *Padyatra*. It is submitted that the petitioner be directed to supply the details of the schedule of the *padyatra* within a period of one day to IG Security and CID and on the dates when the petitioner is on the said *Padyatra*, the said three additional gunmen would be provided to the petitioner. It is also contended that the said arrangement of providing 3 additional gunmen would be upto 25.09.2023.

5. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that said statement made by learned State Counsel satisfies the prayer of the

petitioner at present.

6. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present Criminal Writ petition is disposed of with the following directions:-

- a) The petitioner would supply the details of the programme to the IG Security and CID as expeditiously as possible preferably till 11.08.2023.
- b) On receipt of the said representation, the IG Security and CID would provide three additional gunmen to the petitioner on the dates when the petitioner has to go for the Haryana *Parivartan Padyatra*. The said arrangement of providing 3 additional gunmen would be there till 25.09.2023.

10.08.2023

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(VIKAS BAHL)  
JUDGE

**Whether speaking/reasoned:-**

**Yes/No**

**Whether reportable:-**

**Yes/No**