

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

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**CRWP No. 8154 of 2023
Date of Decision: 21.08.2023**

Som Dutt ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. G.S. Salana, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Manish Bansal, Sr. D.A.G, Haryana.

ANOOP CHITKARA, J.

The present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India with a prayer to issue directions to respondents No. 1 to 3 for the protection of life and liberty to the petitioner at the hands of respondents No. 4 and 5 as well as unnecessary harassment at the instance of respondents No. 6 to 8.

2. Notices are served upon the official respondents through the State's counsel. State counsel on instructions submits that there is nothing to fear from the official respondents because they are duty bound to obey the law and not to trouble the people. Given the nature of the order that this Court proposes to pass, neither the response of official respondents nor the issuance of notices to the private respondents is required.

3. Counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied in case directions may be issued to respondent No. 2 to decide the representation dated 25.07.2023 (Annexure P-1) in a time bound manner.

4. Let the representation dated 25.07.2023 (Annexure P-1) be decided by the concerned Superintendent of Police, within 15 days, either himself/herself or by authorizing and delegating it to any officer holding IPS cadre. It is clarified that such order must be a reasoned order, and the same be communicated to the counsel as well as representationists without delay. In case of any threat to his life, petitioner is at liberty to approach the concerned Senior Superintendent of Police, who shall provide him protection after analyzing ground reality on day to day basis.

5. Liberty reserved to the petitioners to file fresh petition or to take other legal remedies in accordance with the law.
6. It is clarified that there is no adjudication on merits. It is further clarified that this order shall not come in the way if the interrogation of the petitioners is required in any cognizable case.
7. It is further clarified that counsel for the petitioner shall provide his email i.d with the State counsel during the course of the day.
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 allowed to the extent mentioned above. All pending applications, if any, stand disposed.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

21.08.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
Whether reportable:	No.