

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

210 CRM-M-8247-2023
Date of Decision: 23.08.2023

Wasiq Ali Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab and others Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present:- Mr. Harkirat Singh Bhogal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Karunesh Kaushal, AAG, Punjab.

ANOOP CHITKARA, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India read with Section 482 Cr.P.C for issuance of writ in the nature of Mandamus directing respondents No. 1 to 4 for protection of life and liberty at the hands of respondent No. 5.

2. Counsel for the petitioner submits that respondent No.5, who is a police official, forcibly kept in his possession a motorcycle, mobile phone and currency notes amounting to Rs. 4500/- of petitioner. He further submits that respondent No. 5 is demanding money from the petitioner for returning his articles.

3. State counsel on instructions from SI Gursharan Singh submits that in fact the petitioner had done a thuggee of Rs. 50,000/- from one couple and when those people informed the police about this aspect then both the parties agreed to settle the matter in *Panchayat*. In the said *Panchayat*, one *Panch*, namely, Usha allegedly kept petitioner's mobile phone, motorcycle and currency notes and stated that she would return the same only when he will return back Rs. 50,000/-. He further submits that respondent No. 5 has nothing to do with the same and there is nothing to fear from the police officials, who are doing their legal duty.

4. Given above, the present petition is disposed of. Liberty is reserved to the petitioner to take legal action against said *Panch* in accordance with law. All pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

23.08.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No