

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

CRWP No.9075-2022

Date of Decision:20.12.2023

Ravinderpal Kaur and another Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA**

Present: Mr. Jagandeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Anu Pal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Anil Mehta, Sr. Standing Counsel with
Mr. Jaivir S. Chandail, Addl. Standing Counsel,
Mr. Sumit Jain, Addl. PP and
Ms. Jyoti Kumari, Advocate
for respondent-UT, Chandigarh.

Mr. Baljeet Beniwal, Advocate for
Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association.

RITU BAHRI, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE(ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed seeking a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No. 1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents no. 4 to 17 because they are threatening petitioner No.1 that in case she performs marriage with petitioner No.2, both of them will be killed.

2. On 21.09.2022 this Court was informed by the office bearers of the High Court Bar Association that the car of an Advocate had been vandalised by family members of petitioner No.1 and keeping in view this

fact the issue was taken up to have CCTV cameras in the High Court premises. With respect to the grievance of the petitioners, counsel for the State of Punjab, on instructions from Angrez Singh, Police Station City Malout, has informed that statement of petitioner No.1-Ravinderpal Kaur was recorded on 09.11.2022 and she submitted that her husband has been died in an accident and she is staying in Chandigarh and does not require any security as she is not facing any threat.

3. Keeping in view this information, no further directions are required to be given with regard to protecting the life and liberty of the petitioners.

4. Now with regard to the aspect of putting CCTV cameras in the High Court premises, status report dated 09.03.2023 by way of affidavit of Manisha Choudhary (IPS), Senior Superintendent of Police, Security & Traffic, UT, Chandigarh, had been filed. As per this affidavit, with regard to installation of CCTV cameras on the road stretches starting from Old Barricade Chowk to Rock Garden including entry points up to this High Court, a Joint Survey was carried out by the DSP Security (High Court), Inspector in charge (High Court) Security along with officials from M/s Bharat Electronics Limited and officials of Chandigarh Smart City Limited.

5. With regard to the installation of CCTV cameras at various points within the premises of this Court, it was submitted in the said affidavit that during the joint inspection/survey carried out on 05.01.2023 and 14.02.2023, the location of the cameras to be installed within the complex of the High Court has been marked by the office of the Chief Engineer, UT and the said drawings have been received by the Chandigarh police. Further, Engineering Department has requested the Registrar General

of this High Court vide letter dated 16.02.2023 (Annexure R2) for finalisation/approval of tentative locations before framing the estimate for the said work. Another letter dated 13.02.2023 (Annexure R-3) has been placed on record vide which tentative time schedule has been given for replacing the old obsolete CCTV cameras as well as installation of additional CCTV cameras . As per Annexure R-3 the expected time frame for completion of work is approximately 9 months and various stages of execution have also been defined therein.

6. As per letter dated 2.2.2023 (Annexure R-4), the Engineering Department has intimated regarding installation of remote operated hydraulic retractable stainless steel bollards and that work would be completed within a period of approximately 6 months. Thereafter another status report dated 08.09.2023 filed by way of affidavit Ranjit Singh, Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, UT Chandigarh has been placed on record and a communication dated 23.08.2023 has been appended therewith as Annexure R-1 whereby rough estimate cost amounting to Rs. 5,15,69, 529/- (Rs. 4,37,02,991/- + GST 18%) for installation of CCTV cameras on the stretches of roads leading to the High Court has been given. The total time after approval of work of installation of CCTV cameras is 18 months as per Annexure R-2. The estimate cost of installation of remote operated hydraulic retractable stainless steel bollards, as per letter issued by Financial Committee, UT is Rs. 5, 22, 77, 757/-.

7. Mr. Anil Mehta, Sr. Standing Counsel for UT, Chandigarh has stated that installation process is going on in consultation with the Building Committee of this High Court.

8. In this view of the matter, no further directions are required to

be given in this petition.

9. Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(RITU BAHRI)
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

(NIDHI GUPTA)
JUDGE

20.12.2023
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Whether Reasoned/Speaking : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No