

Sant Jagdish Muni

...Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Rajeev Kawatra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing the respondents to provide round the clock security in view of the threat perception, as mentioned by the petitioner in his representations Annexure P-2 and Annexure P-3.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the threat perception of the petitioner was assessed by SSP, Fazilka and a Constable Deepak Kumar was deputed initially on 13.03.2022, who was later on substituted by ASI Paramjit. Subsequently, the said PSO was withdrawn on 16.04.2022 on account of a general order passed by the Director General of Police, Punjab, respondent No.2. Learned counsel further contends that after withdrawal of the security provided to the petitioner, at about 12:57 PM on 26.09.2022, the petitioner received a whats app voice call from mobile No. +92 3440729506 on his mobile phone No.75893-37000. The petitioner was threatened by the caller by saying that in case, he did not pay Rs.2 lacs via

google pay, he would be killed and the caller gave him google pay number i.e 77185-47123, which is registered in the name of some Dipankar Mistri. Even after that, the calls were made by unknown persons to threaten the petitioner.

3. After issuance of notice, a reply by way of an affidavit of Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka has been filed on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

4. Learned State counsel submits that vide the order dated 29.09.2022, passed by SSP, Fazilka one gunman namely PHG Bhagwan Singh No.6875 has been deployed for the security of the petitioner. Apart from that, SSP, Fazilka has issued necessary instructions to ensure area security for the petitioner and for the camps organised by the petitioner by way of deployment of adequate employees as well as PCR patrolling in the said area. Learned counsel further contends that one PSO has already been deployed with the petitioner, which is sufficient for the security of the petitioner. Apart from that, the petitioner has been issued .32 bore licensed revolver for his own protection and no more security cover is required for the petitioner. He further submits that in case PHG Bhagwan Singh proceeds on leave, another security man will be provided to the petitioner as his substitute, on the day, when he proceeds on leave.

5. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel no further orders required and the petition is accordingly, disposed of.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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