



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-4337-2024
Date of decision: May 13th, 2024

Manpreet Singh @ Manna
.....Petitioner
Versus

State of Punjab and others
....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Gurvinder Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to the respondents, to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he is facing trial in 13 criminal cases and is currently lodged in District Jail, Rupnagar. Learned counsel, *inter alia*, contends that he has a genuine apprehension that as and when he is taken to different Courts for hearing, he can be attacked by anti-social elements. Hence, in the circumstances, he be provided adequate security. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner would not even be averse in case he is handcuffed and his legs are shackled while being taken to different Courts for hearing.

3. After arguing for some time, learned counsel submits that the petitioner would be satisfied if directions are given to the official respondents to take appropriate steps to ensure protection of his life.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Navdeep Singh, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

6. In view of the restricted prayer of the learned counsel for the petitioner, the instant petition is disposed of with directions to official respondents to treat this petition as a representation, and take appropriate steps, as may be required, under the provisions of law.

May 13th, 2024
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No