



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-12436-2024

Date of decision: 24.05.2024

INDER PAL BISHNOI

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- Mr. APS Shergill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Harpriya Khaneka, DAG. Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in the present writ petition is for directing the respondents to exempt the petitioner from mandatorily depositing his firearms on the basis of proclamation under Section 144/144-A of the Cr. P.C. issued by respondent No.4-Deputy Commissioner of Police, Fazilka.
2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner submitted a representation against the above said mandate and prayed for an exemption from depositing the fire arms during the Lok Sabha elections so as to protect himself as the petitioner is a retired Public Prosecutor and working on the criminal

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side and have handled many high-profile cases during his career and now he is head of Akhil Bhartiya Jeev Raksha Bishnoi Sabha which is an organization that actively works to protect the environment alongwith other social work due to which he has to travel in and around 11 states of the country.

3. It is also informed by the Counsel that the issue with respect to seeking directions to deposit the fire arms under the guise of the proclamation under Section 144/144-A Cr. P.C. was under consideration before a Division Bench of this Court in ***CWP-PIL-69 of 2024*** titled as ***“Navkiran Bajwa versus State of Punjab and others”*** which was decided vide order dated 08.05.2024. The Division Bench has disposed of the said writ petition by directing the State of Punjab, State of Haryana as well as U.T. Chandigarh to consider the representations/claims on individual basis instead of asking all individuals to deposit all firearms under a single blanket order.

4. Counsel contends that his representation (Annexure P-1) may be considered in light of the aforesaid order dated 08.05.2024 passed in CWP-PIL-69 of 2024 by the Division Bench of this Court.

5. Notice of motion.

6. Ms. Harpriya Khaneka, DAG. Punjab accepts notice and has no objection to the aforesaid prayer.

7. Accordingly, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4 to consider the representation (Annexure P-1) and take an expeditious decision thereupon in light of the order



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dated 08.05.2024 passed in matter of *Navkiran Bajwa* (supra).

8. Let the decision be taken expeditiously.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

MAY 24, 2024

Vishal sharma

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