



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CWP-12309-2024

Date of decision: 23.05.2024

MAHINDER RAM

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

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

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

Mr. Vivek Saini, Addl. A.G. Haryana.

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, Kaithal.

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 has heightened threat apprehensions which increase manifold on the days of Thursday when the Dargah sees a congregation of more than 500-600 people.

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

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the proclamation under Section 144/144-A Cr. P.C. was under consideration before a Division Bench 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 had disposed of the said writ petition by directing the State of Punjab as well as State of Haryana to consider the representations/claims on individual basis instead of asking for seeking directions to deposit all firearms.

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. Mr. Vivek Saini, Addl. A.G. Haryana 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 dated dated 08.05.2024 passed in ***Navkiran Bajwa*** (supra).

8. Let the decision be taken expeditiously.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

MAY 23, 2024*Vishal sharma*

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