



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-5118-2024

DECIDED ON: 31.05.2024

MAHANT MAHATMA MUNI

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Vivek K. Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaspal Singh Guru, AAG, Punjab.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

The jurisdiction of this Court has been invoked under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a direction to respondents No.1 to 7 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner as he is facing imminent threat to his life at the hands of respondent No.8.

In compliance of the previous order dated 30.05.2024, status report by way of an affidavit of Vatsala Gupta, IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police, District Kapurthala has been filed on behalf of respondents No.1 to 7, which is taken on record. Relevant paras No.5 to 10 of the said status report reads as under:-

"5. That as already stated above, the deponent being the Senior Superintendent of Police, Kapurthala immediately gave directions vide Letter No. 43616 dated 28.05.2024 to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub- Division Sultanpur Lodhi to take the following steps:-

(i) To direct the PCR to keep conducting regular patrolling in the area so that the area security is maintained for 24 hours.

(ii) To put up a Naka/barricading including of paramilitary force outside the Dera premises till the time of elections due to lack of force and later to be replaced the same with Kapurthala police.

(iii) To peruse the footage of all the CCTV cameras installed in the Dera premises and analyze the same for identifying any doubtful/suspicious individual(s).

(iv) To procure the mobile dump of the area of the Dera and scrutinize the same, as there was an allegation of recce by unidentified people, so that further steps can be taken in accordance with law.

(v) The threat perception of the petitioner will be analyzed from time to time and the needful will be done as per the evaluated threat perception, in accordance with law.

6. That on the other hand the deponent has also directed the Incharge, Cyber Cell, Kapurthala to procure and track the IP addresses from where the online calls from Canada have been made and further to analyze the messages, calls, voice calls received by the Petitioner at various points of time, so that after analyzing the same further action in accordance with law can be taken.

7. That the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Sultanpur Lodhi, had also visited the spot in the evening of 28.05.2024 and deputed the PCR for the outer area of Dera, so that adequate steps can be taken in accordance with law and further action can be taken so that the security of the Petitioner and his Dera can be monitored as per the need from time to time. The copy of the photographs showing the presence of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub- Division Sultanpur Lodhi at the Dera, is annexed herewith as Annexure R-2.

8. That further in compliance of the directions of the deponent a Naka was setup on 30.05.2024 outside the

Dera, so that no unidentified individual enters the Dera premises without crossing the naka.

9. That thereafter, FIR No. 29 dated 30.05.2024 under Sections 387/506 IPC 66-D IT Act Police Station Fattu DHINGA has also been registered on the complaint of Mahant Mahatama Muni against Kulwant Singh and other unknown persons.

10. That now the investigation of the present FIR No. 29 (Supra) has been handed over to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub- Division Sultanpur Lodhi, Kapurthala with a direction to consider the allegations made in the representation during the course of the investigation of the said FIR and take further action in accordance with law.”

A perusal of the above would depict that the grievance raised in the instant petition by the petitioner stands addressed and an FIR No.29, dated 30.05.2024 under Sections 387, 506 IPC and Section 66-D of IT Act has been registered against respondent No.8 and other unknown persons.

In view of the above, learned counsel for the petitioner is satisfied with the action taken by the police authorities against respondent No.8 and other unknown persons and on instructions from his client that he is feeling safe after knowing that appropriate action has been taken against respondent No.8 and other unknown persons, he prays for withdrawal of the present petition.

Prayer is accepted.

Dismissed as withdrawn.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

31.05.2024

Poonam Negi

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

Yes/No

Yes/No