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

CRWP-5673-2024**Date of Decision: 01.07.2024****Harjinder Singh and others**

..... Petitioners

Versus**State of Punjab and others**

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Edward Augustine George, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.(oral)

1. Petitioners Harjinder Singh, Rajwinder Kaur, Varispreet Singh Gill and Manjit Kaur have filed criminal writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of Mandamus directing official respondents No. 1 to 6 for protecting the life and liberty of petitioners which has been endangered at the hands of various organizations involved in unlawful activities based in foreign countries with further prayer to provide adequate security to the petitioners in the light of aforesaid apprehension.

2. Learned counsel for petitioners pointed out that petitioner No.1 is member of Congress party and earlier Sarpanch of village Dinawal, Police Station Gonewal Sahib, District Tarn Taran. Petitioners No. 2 to 4 are his family members. His brother Balwinder Singh Gill is NRI based in United Kingdom. He is famous on account of his association with Kabaddi. On 09.06.2023, house of Balwinder Singh was attacked in London. Present petitioners also apprehend danger and threat perception. On account of this, present criminal writ petition has been filed.

3. Learned counsel representing the State of Punjab filed status report alleging that on the statement of petitioner No. 1 FIR No. 176 dated 18.05.2024 under Section 387 of IPC was registered at Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran. One PSO LR/ASI Jaswinder Singh, No. 738/TT has been provided to petitioners' family. PCR's and patrolling teams have been deployed outside the house of petitioners. It is further mentioned that police is duty bound to protect life and liberty of every citizen and necessary interim protection has been provided to the petitioners.

In view of detailed status report, it is clear that aforesaid FIR has been registered and to protect the life of petitioners PSO LR/ASI Jaswinder Singh, No. 738/TT has been deputed for the time being as per rules and patrolling is also done outside the house of petitioners to protect their life and liberty. Considering the aforesaid factual position, no further action is required. Present writ petition is disposed of with further direction that in case there is any threat perception, present petitioners can approach concerned SHO or SSP of their district as and when required.

4. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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