

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-7388-2022

Date of Decision:-21.02.2024

Harpal Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Ors.

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Beant Singh Seemar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajinder Singh Bhatta, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Naveen Bawa, Advocate
for respondents No.4, 13, 14, 18 and 20.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of an appropriate direction to respondent No.2 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of respondents No.4 to 20.

2. Learned State counsel has filed fresh status report by way of affidavit of Gurinderbir Singh PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, East, Amritsar on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2, which is taken on record, according to which the representation filed by the petitioner has been duly looked into and the Personal Security Officer has been provided as detailed in Para Nos.2 and 3 of the status report.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner very fairly submits that the representation be disposed of in terms of status report, however, he has prayed that deploying only one PSO for 24 hours would be difficult for the

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person who has been deployed and the Authorities should consider deploying 2 or 3 PSOs who could perform their duty on rotation.

4. Keeping the above issue open, the present stands disposed of with a liberty to the State to take into consideration the averments made by the counsel for the petitioner in Para No.3 of this Order.

5. However, it is made clear that filing or pendency of this petition or any order/direction passed in this petition shall not be used or relied upon by any of the party in any other litigation between them.

6. It is made clear that filing or pendency of this petition or any order/direction passed in this petition shall not be an alibi or defence to the petitioner, in case, he is found involved in any illegal activity and /or in violation of any law qua which the respondent-Authorities shall take appropriate action, in accordance with law.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

February 21, 2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether Reportable:- Yes/No