



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

CRM-M-34919-2022

Date of Decision : **24.07.2024**

HARSIMRAN SANDHU

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. Bipin Ghai, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Nikhil Ghai, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr.Pardeep Bajaj, DAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J.(Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed for issuance of *mandamus* upon the official respondents to provide adequate security to the petitioner as dreaded gangsters, who were operating in the area, gave open threat to eliminate the present petitioner, being the close friend of Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu alias Sidhu Moosewala, who was murdered by the same group of gangsters in broad day light by six sharp shooters.
2. Upon issuing to the State on 08.08.2024, response was sought. Thereupon, on 20.05.2024, the following order was passed:-

“Learned State counsel, at the very outset, on instructions imparted to him by ASI Dilbag Singh, submits that the assessment with regard to the threat perceptions to the life and liberty of the present petitioner, is pending consideration before the competent authority, and for the interim measures six Personal Security Officers, have already been deputed for petitioner's security.

He seeks time to file a fresh affidavit of a competent police officer, in this regard.

Asked for request is allowed.

Adjourned to 24.07.2024.

To be shown in the urgent list.”

3. In deference to the directions issued by this Court, a fresh short reply by way of an affidavit of Ajay Kumar, DSP, Security, Punjab, Chandigarh, was filed by the State, which is now taken on record.

4. A perusal of the reply (*supra*) reflects that after assessing the threat perceptions, the competent authority has recommended for deputing six personnel for the security of the petitioner and will continue with the petitioner on purely temporary basis, subject to the periodic review as per the guidelines laid down in the State Security Police-2013.

5. In view of the stand taken by the State, at this stage, no further direction is required to be passed. However, it is made clear that in case the concerned authority has any intention to withdraw the security which has now been given to the present petitioner, an advance notice shall be served to him informing about the decision.

6. The instant petition is **disposed of** accordingly.

July 24, 2024
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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned.	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable.	:	Yes/No