



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-6568-2024

Date of decision: 28.11.2024

Gurbir Singh Garcha

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Ankit Joshi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner, who apprehend threat to his life at the hands of private respondents.

2. Mr. Vipin Kumar, Advocate has entered appearance and filed his power of attorney on behalf of respondent No.9 which is taken on record.

3. Learned State counsel at the outset has drawn the attention of this Court to the status report filed by way of affidavit of Assistant Commissioner of Police, Civil Lines, Ludhiana, dated 15.09.2024. Learned State counsel submits that since it is a matter of record that the petitioner is in Canada, it would not be possible for the official respondents to provide any security to the petitioner in view of the alleged threat perceptions. However, learned State counsel submits that

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in case the petitioner returns to India and the relevant intimation qua his return is given to the official respondents, appropriate steps would be taken to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of respondents No.7 to 11.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is due to arrive in India on or before 20.12.2024. It has been urged that the petitioner would be satisfied in case appropriate directions are issued to the official respondents to look into the threat perception qua him and take appropriate steps in accordance with law.

5. In view of the fact that the petitioner is due to arrive in India on 20.12.2024, learned State counsel undertakes that the official respondents would ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioner is not compromised at the hands of the private respondents by providing him requisite security if required, as per rules.

6. The present petition is disposed of in view of the undertaking given by the learned State counsel in the Court today.

28.11.2024

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**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE**

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