



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-18686-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision: 10.09.2024

Maheshinder Singh Grewal

...Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. A.S. Cheema, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, DAG Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to restore the security cover provided to the petitioner since 1997 in wake of the imminent threat to his life and liberty.

A short reply by way of affidavit dated 20.02.2023 of the Assistant Inspector General of Police, Security, Punjab had been filed wherein it was averred that the threat inputs had been obtained and the security arrangements had been reviewed by the State Level Review Committee and that on the basis thereof one PSO/Gunman has been deployed with the petitioner and the PCR Motorcycle and Police Station have also been instructed to conduct daily checking of suspicious persons and vehicles around the residential area of the petitioner.

An additional affidavit dated 09.09.2024 of the petitioner has



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been filed today in the Court and the same is taken on record wherein he does not dispute the deployment of one PSO by the respondent-State, however, he contends that the petitioner-deponent had submitted an application on 09.09.2022 requesting the Director General of Police, Punjab to deploy a second PSO since one PSO could not attend round the clock duty and in response thereto, the deponent was assured that the needful will be done and that the second PSO was provided on 22.12.2022. The same arrangement has been continuing ever since. He contends that he would not press the instant petition at this stage in view of the subsequent developments and the respondents having deployed two PSOs. It is however submitted that in the event of any subsequent review or withdrawal of the security, the petitioner may be granted permission to seek revival of the present writ petition or to file a fresh petition on the same cause of action.

The same is not opposed by the learned State counsel.

Disposed of as not pressed with the liberty as aforesaid.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

10.09.2024
Mangal Singh

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