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

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CRWP-8030-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 22.08.2024

Akshay Kumar @ Sachin**...Petitioner**

Versus

State of Haryana and others**...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present:- Mr. V. B. Godara, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of directions to the respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner as he is feeling threat to his life from the members of Sandeep Bishnoi gang.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is currently confined in Central Jail-1 Hisar and is feeling threat to his life and liberty at the hands of aforesaid notorious gang. On a Court query, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner would not claim any prejudice in any manner whatsoever if he is produced before the trial Court during trial through video conferencing instead of producing in person.
3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Arjun Lakhanpal, Addl. A.G., Haryana, who is present in Court, has accepted the notice on behalf of the respondents and submits that the needful shall be done to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner as per direction issued by this Court.

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5. In view of the above, without going into the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of. Since the petitioner has voluntarily made a statement through his counsel that he would not claim any prejudice for not appearing in person before the trial Court but he would record his appearance through video conferencing, therefore, as and when the trial Court would consider that the petitioner’s appearance is not required in person, he shall be permitted to appear through video conferencing and on any date when the petitioner’s presence is required in person, then the concerned authority will issue appropriate instructions to ensure that life of petitioner is protected for the time when he leaves jail till the time he returns back to the jail. It is clarified that this order shall apply only to the FIRs mentioned in paragraph No. 2 of the petition, which pertain to State of Haryana, State of Punjab and State of Delhi. If at any stage, the petitioner claims any prejudice before the trial Court in any of these FIRs, due to his appearance through video conferencing, at that stage, he may file an application before trial Court and in that eventuality, this order shall eclipse automatically without any further reference to this Court.

22.08.2024

Waseem Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No