



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

CRWP-8502-2023

Date of decision: JULY 29, 2024

SAROTAM SINGH

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present:- Ms. Nevadita Malik Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Mr. Ashish Bishnoi, DAG, Haryana.
Mr. Kuldeep Singh Siwach, Advocate for respondents no. 6 to 10.

ANOOP CHITKARA, J (Oral)

1) Present petition has been filed seeking direction to respondent no. 1 to 4 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner and of witnesses in case FIR No.255 dated 30.7.2023 under Sections 302, 365, 342, 148, 149 IPC at Police Station Kalan Wali District Sirsa (P-1) in which son of the petitioner was murdered by respondent no.5 to 9 and now they are pressurising/threatening the petitioner and witnesses Nachhatar Singh son of Ram Singh to compromise the matter.”, petitioner has come before this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

2) Today, Status report, has been filed by State counsel in the Court today and same is taken on record and copy thereof supplied to the counsel for the petitioner.

3) Counsel for the respondents submits that the present petition has been rendered infructuous because the investigation has been transferred to other



officers. State counsel further submits that investigation in the matter has already reached its conclusion and referred para no.5 of the reply, which reads as under

“That on 06..05.2024, opinion of doctor regarding cause of death of deceased Gurpreet Singh was obtained from Board of Doctors of Govt. Hospital Sirsa, in which the doctors opined as “the possible cause of death is poisoning due to drugs as mentioned, all records are initiated by us”.

4) Legal aid counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that in addition to the murder of the petitioner’s son, there may be continuing threat on his life and the lives of his family members.

5) Given the submission above, without entering into the details, keeping in view the serious nature of allegations, present petition is disposed of with liberty to petitioner to file representation to the concerned Superintendent of Police as and when he apprehends threat to his life. In case any such application of filed in that case, the concerned Superintendent of Police/SHO whom such power is delegated shall provide the petitioner immediate protection on day to day basis after analysing threat perception.

6) This order shall remain in force for six months from today.

7) For remaining prayers, liberty is reserved to file appropriate applications in appropriate Forums in accordance with law. It is clarified that the filing of the present petition shall not come in the way of the petitioner in case he wants to take redressal of his remaining grievances in other Forums.

8) Legal aid counsel will be entitled to her fees in accordance with the Rules and concerned Officer of the Legal service authority to ensure timely payment of her remuneration.

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(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No