



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-22728-2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 09.12.2024

Rohit Adia @ Rishu Adia

...Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present :- Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Raghav Garg, AAG Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has approached this Court for twin prayers i.e. (i) for directing the respondents to provide police protection/security to the petitioner; and (ii) for directing the respondents to process the application of the petitioner for grant of Arms licence and to take a decision thereupon in a time bound manner.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner works for the upliftment of the society and is currently working in Valmiki Sabha. He had received a whatsapp call on 01.05.2024 from an unknown number and there was a threat of elimination extended to the petitioner. The said threats continued on several occasions but from different mobile numbers. A Nishan Sahib ceremony was held and *Bhandara* Ceremony was also performed on 25.05.2024 and thereafter, it



came to the notice of the members of the Valmiki Sabha that the statue of Valmiki and a wall had been vandalized by some mischievous elements. An FIR bearing No.128 dated 26.05.2024 under Section 295 of IPC had also been registered at Police Station Model Town, Hoshiarpur qua the said incident. He contends that the petitioner is receiving death threats from gangsters, some are in jail(s) while others are residing outside India and an FIR bearing No.129 dated 26.05.2024 under Sections 506 IPC and 52-A of the Prisons Act, at Police Station Model Town Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur has also been registered in this regard. He submits that the petitioner has submitted an application with the respondents-State for being granted security and that no action has been taken thereon even though a general diary has been registered on 04.06.2024.

Pursuant to the order dated 13.11.2024 passed by this Court, status report by way of affidavit of Sh. Dev Dutt Sharma, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division City, District Hoshiarpur has been filed on behalf of respondents No.1, 2 and 4. It has been specifically averred that after registration of the FIR No. 129 dated 26.05.2024, the petitioner has been provided with mobile numbers of police officials of Police Station Model Town, Hoshiarpur as well as the SHO and the petitioner has been instructed to contact the police officials of the Police Station Model Town, Hoshiarpur if he has any suspicion. The residence of the petitioner is being covered by the patrolling of PCR officials and that an inquiry report had also been sent in this regard. It was also stated that the SHO, Police Station Model Town, Hoshiarpur has been instructed to cover the residence of the



petitioner with the patrolling of PCR and that the said measures taken are adequate to avoid any untoward incident with the petitioner. Recommendation was made by the concerned Station House Officer not to provide any police security to the petitioner.

No replication to the same has been filed on behalf of the petitioner.

Taking into consideration the reply filed on behalf of respondents No.1, 2 and 4 which has not been controverted, I find that the measures taken by the respondents are sufficient to ensure protection of the life and liberty of the petitioner and that there is no necessity currently for deputing any armed gunman with the petitioner. The present writ petition to the said extent is accordingly **disposed of** at this stage.

So far as the prayer made in the present petition qua issuance of arms license to the petitioner in a time bound manner is concerned, the petitioner would be at liberty to pursue his said application and process with the competent authority in a manner known to law. The question is kept open and does not require any further consideration of this Court.

All pending civil misc. application(s), if any, stand disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

09.12.2024
Mangal Singh

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