



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

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CWP-23928-2024

Date of Decision: 19.11.2024

BASHINDERPAL SINGH

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. K.S. Kahlon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, DAG, Punjab.

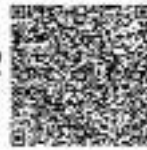
VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to provide adequate security cover to the petitioner and his family.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that two FIRs i.e. FIR No.22 dated 11.03.2023 under Sections 385 and 506 of IPC and Section 66 of Information and Technology Act, 2000 and FIR No.35 dated 01.05.2024 under Sections 336 IPC read with Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 have been registered at Police Station Qila Lal Singh, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur. It is averred that the petitioner apprehends serious threats to his life and liberties and that the investigation in the abovementioned FIRs has not yet been concluded by the Investigating Agency.

Notice of motion.

Learned State Counsel accepts notice and has filed reply by way of an affidavit of Ajay Kumar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Security, Punjab,

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Chandigarh today in Court. Copy thereof has been furnished to learned counsel for the petitioner. Paragraph No.4 thereof is reproduced hereinafter below: -

“4. That it is submitted that the norms and guidelines for providing security to individual protectees have been laid down in the State Security Police, 2013, notified by the Government of Punjab. The Security Policy stipulates that “Police officers are recruited, trained and maintained at a huge cost borne by the taxpayer, and are, therefore, meant to be deployed for the protection of the community. Providing police officers to individuals for their protection at the cost of the taxpayer is not the function of the State or the Government,” and that “personal protection at State Expense was always meant to be an exception, and not the rule.”

Faced with the above, counsel for the petitioner submits that he does not want to press the instant petition at this stage. He, however, seeks liberty to approach this Court again as and when further evidence is available with the petitioner reflecting an imminent danger to his life and liberties.

Disposed of as not pressed at this stage with the liberty as aforesaid.

The Investigating Agency is, however, directed to examine the issue pertaining to the threats and apprehensions expressed by the petitioner herein and the investigation in the abovementioned two FIRs may be taken to a logical end as early as possible.

NOVEMBER 19, 2024.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No