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

CRWP-2258-2025

Date of decision : 06.03.2025

Pawan Saroha**.....Petitioner**

versus

State of Punjab and others**.....Respondents****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

Present :- Mr. Arpandeeep Narula, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in the present petition is for issuance of direction to the respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner by taking appropriate measures for providing police protection/security cover to the petitioner solely for the purpose of appearing before the trial Court for getting his testimony recorded as the petitioner is the main prosecution witness in case FIR No.218 dated 30.06.2019, registered under Section 302, 341, 148, 149 & 506 of IPC, at Police Station Zirakpur, on 10.03.2025 or any further date given for the same purpose, as the petitioner is facing constant threat to life and liberty and is being pressurized to take money and back out from identifying the accused persons.

2. It has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner before this Court is a prosecution witness in case FIR No.218 dated 30.06.2019 for the offence under Sections 302, 341, 148, 149 & 506 of IPC. It is submitted that he is being threatened time and again by the accused side in order to restrain him from appearing

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before the Court. He thus, submits that he be granted protection for appearing before the Court. It has been further submitted by the counsel that the petitioner is living in U.T. Chandigarh and earlier also about 4 years ago, the petitioner was attacked, and hence, he prays that the protection be granted by the U.T. Police.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2 and Mr. Sumit Jain, Addl. P.P. U.T. Chandigarh, accepts notice on behalf of respondents- 3 & 4.

5. After hearing counsel for the parties, respondents No.4 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh is directed to take into consideration the representation dated 04.03.2025 (Annexure P-5) and on the assessment of threat perception and after considering the contentions raised before this Court and those, made in the representation, necessary protection, if required, be granted by the Police to the petitioner, in accordance with law.

6. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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