

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-3746-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision:16.04.2025

Ujagar Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

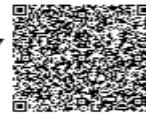
CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Vikram Satpal Anand, Advocate for the petitioner.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI J.(Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of directions to respondents No. 2 and 3 not to harass the petitioner unnecessarily by continuously raiding the petitioner's Stud Farm. A further prayer has been made for issuance of a direction to respondent No. 3 to release the petitioner's workers from illegal detention

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that it is a case where the petitioner is an old man of about 77 years of age, having no criminal record and is owner of a stud farm comprising a number of animals including 70 horses, various dogs and other animals and he himself manages the affairs of the stud farm. He further submitted that the grandson of the petitioner is *sarpanch* of the village and due to political enmity, he has been implicated in FIR pertaining to embezzlement of panchayat funds. He further submitted that the petitioner and his family



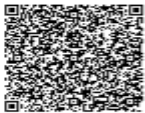
belong to the Shiromani Akali Dal, which is an opposition party in the State of Punjab, and that political opponents belonging to the ruling party-Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in connivance with police officers and concerned officials of the Panchayat Department are harassing the petitioner.

3. He further submitted that, so far as the petitioner is concerned, he is neither involved in any offence nor has he been named in the FIR registered against his grandson. However, the police have been raiding the stud farm of the petitioner and harassing him and such raids have taken place 7–8 times, during which damage has been caused to the animals and one of the petitioner's expensive breed dogs is also missing from the stud farm. He also submitted that the workers of the stud farm are being harassed and beaten by the police, without any fault of the petitioner in order to pressurize the petitioner pertaining to the aforesaid FIR which has been registered against the grandson of the petitioner due to the aforesaid reasons.

4. He further contended that directions be issued to the respondent-police not to harass the petitioner, but rather to protect his life and liberty, and also to refrain from causing any loss to the animals or workers of the stud farm. He also submitted that so far as the investigation which is to be conducted by the police pertaining to the grand son of the petitioner, the police can always do so in accordance with law but not by pressurizing the petitioner.

5. Notice of motion.

6. Mr. Jasjit Singh, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents and submits that he has received an advance copy of the petition. He further submits that he has sought instructions from the



concerned SSP and SP of the relevant district. He submitted that he has instructions from Inspector Arshdeep Singh, PS Sirhind, to state that the petitioner is not an accused in the FIR lodged against the grandson of the petitioner. It will be ensured that the petitioner will not be harassed by the police or any other official and that no damage will be caused to the animals or workers of petitioner’s stud farm. He further submitted that however due course will be adopted for the purpose of investigation of the offence in which grandson of the petitioner is an accused and it will be done strictly in accordance with law.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that in view of the statement made by learned State counsel on instructions, the present petition may be disposed of accordingly.

8. Disposed of accordingly.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

16.04.2025

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