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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(107 + 239)

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Date of Decision : 04.02.2025

Jaswinder Kaur and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. A.S. Jawandha, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Teevar Sharma, AAG, Punjab
for respondents No.1 to 5.

None for respondents No.6 to 9.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J.(ORAL)

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Application for placing on record representation dated 24.02.2024, as Annexure P-10, is allowed, as prayed for, and the same is taken on record, subject to just exceptions.

Application stands **disposed of** accordingly.

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1. Through the instant writ petition, a prayer is made for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents No.1 to 5, to provide police protection to the petitioners and its employees, for the execution/performance of handling and transportation of Trucks, hired by the petitioners at their firms at village Sakrali, Bhadson.



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2. Learned State counsel, after having instructions from the quarter concerned, informs this Court, that the instant writ petition can be disposed of with a mandamus upon the competent respondent, to examine the threat perception to the petitioners, in pursuance of the SOPs, as adopted by the State of Punjab, in CWP-20979-2023. The competent authority came up with a Standard Operating Procedure, to be followed in all Districts and Commissionerate, across the State of Punjab, in order to ensure free movement of goods and freight throughout the State of Punjab. The relevant portion of the Standard Operating Procedure, is reproduced hereunder:-

“I. Every District shall nominate an officer not below the rank of Superintendent of Police to be the nodal officer in this matter.

II. The nodal officer shall ensure that whenever any such type of complaint is received in any police station or through any through any other means like E-mail, complaint on 112; Emergency Response Police Helpline etc. the same shall be communicated to his/her office.

III. The said nodal officer shall maintain electronically or otherwise a record of all such complaints received including action taken on them.

IV. The nodal officer shall also ensure that immediate legal action as per law is initiated to ensure that redressal of the grievances takes place at the earliest. He will also be responsible to pass on relevant information to all CsP/SSsP without any delay.

V. The designated Superintendent of Police will be the nodal officer for all litigation arising out of above matters.”

3. In any case, the petitioners file apt motion before the competent authority, a well reasoned speaking order be passed, considering all the facts and circumstances.



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4. In view of the above statement suffered by the learned State counsel, the instant writ petition is **disposed of**, with a mandamus upon the respondent concerned, to take final decision in pursuance of the SOPs (supra), within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order/judgment.
5. It goes without saying that the present petitioners shall be heard by the competent authority concerned, before passing any speaking order.
6. However, liberty is reserved to the petitioners to, in case of any unlawful hindrance in its business operations in future, approach the Nodal Officer (supra), whereupon, the latter shall ensure to take prompt and effective steps in that regard, in accordance with law.
7. Pending applications, if any, stand **disposed of** accordingly.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

February 04, 2025
Manpreet

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