



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

CRWP-8859-2024

Date of decision: 29.01.2025

BALWINDER SINGH

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Ritesh Grover, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Nitesh Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer in the present petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for directing the official respondents i.e. respondent Nos.2 to 7 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner and his family members at the hands of respondent Nos.8 to 15.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner has lodged an FIR bearing No.163 dated 03.09.2023 under Sections 364-A/120-B IPC (offences under Sections 323/392/395/355 IPC, 25/27/54/59 of Arms Act and 27/61/85 of NDPS Act, 1985) at PS City Fazilka, District Fazilka against respondent Nos.8 to 15, due to the reason that his brother-in-law Nachattar Singh was abducted by them and a demand of Rs.20 crore was made as ransom amount from the petitioner at about 2:15 AM on whats App Call. When, after registration of FIR (*supra*) in this regard, raid was conducted at the house of respondent Nos.8 to 10, detinue Nachhattar Singh was found there. Now, the private respondents are threatening the petitioner and his

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family with dire consequences for registration of the FIR (*supra*). The petitioner has already moved representations/applications dated 25.10.2023 (Annexure P-4) and 07.08.2024 (Annexure P-5) for seeking protection of his life and liberty.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner would be satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondent No.5 to consider and decide the representations/applications dated 25.10.2023 (Annexure P-4) and 07.08.2024 (Annexure P-5) submitted by the petitioner in a time bound manner.

4. Keeping in view the prayer made by the petitioner and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.5 to consider and decide the representations/applications dated 25.10.2023 (Annexure P-4) and 07.08.2024 (Annexure P-5) submitted by the petitioner and take appropriate steps including grant of any protection to the petitioner in view of the apprehension, if any, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law.

5. Needless to say that in case, on examination of veracity of the representations, any cognizable offence is found to have been committed, the jurisdictional police authorities are directed to act in accordance with law.

January 29, 2025
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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |