



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

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**CRM-M-48258 of 2025(O&M)
Date of decision: 20.01.2026**

Balwinder Singh Brar

...Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

**Present :- Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.**

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 528 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, seeking directions to the respondents to provide adequate security to the petitioner on the date of his appearance/evidence in the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Faridkot, being eye witness in case bearing FIR No.124, dated 17.08.2021, registered under Sections 302, 307, 341, 427, 506, 148, 149, 120-B IPC and Sections 25/27 of the Arms Act at Police Station Sadar, Kotkapura, District Faridkot.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the aforesaid FIR was recorded on the statement of Surinder Kaur wife of Gurdarshan Singh along with her relatives in relation of murder of Navjot Singh @ Navi. He contends that the statement of the petitioner-Balwinder Singh was recorded under Section 161 Cr.P.C on 20.08.2021, whereupon accused Arbat Singh son of Harjinder Singh, Yadwinder Singh @ Baba @



Buta son of Harjinder Singh, Gagandeep Singh son of Rajbhupinder Singh and Gurpreet Singh were nominated as accused vide Rapat no.51. He contends that the accused persons were thereafter arrested by the police. It is submitted that the deceased-Navjot Singh @ Navi has suffered as many as 25 injuries on his body which shows the seriousness of the accused persons and their propensity to go to any extent for eliminating perceived threat to them. He contends that the petitioner being an eye witness had also suffered injuries at the hands of the accused persons and they tried to take possession of the land of the petitioner illegally and forcibly. The petitioner had earlier filed CRWP No.707 of 2021 for seeking protection of his life and liberty, however, on account of development in the case, the said petition was dismissed as withdrawn with liberty to file fresh one.

Subsequently, when the accused persons were granted bail, they started threatening the petitioner, whereupon he also filed CRM-M-42129 of 2024, for cancellation of bail granted to the accused persons. He submits that the case now is fixed for different dates for testimony of the petitioner, however, the accused persons are pressurizing and threatening the petitioner not to appear before the trial court to support the prosecution version, failing which he shall face serious consequences. He submits that the case is now fixed for 25.02.2026, for which alone the petitioner has been summoned. He contends that the petitioner apprehends threat to his life and liberty in case he appears before the Court for deposition. Hence, he prays that the Senior Superintendent of Police, Faridkot, be directed to make proper arrangement of security to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner on 25.02.2026, to enable him to depose before the Court.



Learned counsel for the State submits that he has no objection if the petition is disposed of and it is the responsibility of the State to ensure that the accused are not threatening and pressurizing the witnesses. He submits that appropriate steps shall be put in place to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner while deposing before the Court on 25.02.2026.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Faridkot, to take appropriate steps so as to ensure protection of life and liberty of the petitioner on 25.02.2026, i.e. the date when the petitioner is to be examined and/or on such date to which his deposition/examination/cross-examination is deferred by the trial Court.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

20.01.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No