



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

(120)

**CRWP-13985-2025(O&M)
DATE OF DECISION: 21.01.2026**

Mahant Gobind Puri

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present Mr.Mohd. Yousuf, Advocate, and
Ms. Arzoo Modi, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr.Anup Singh, AAG, Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of direction to respondents no.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner as he apprehends immediate danger to his life and liberty at the hands of private respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner is Mahant of Baba Sidh Dera and Temple situated on land measuring 14 acres at Kot Ise Khan, Moga; petitioner was serving as Chela of the previous Mahant namely Guru Mahant Resham Puri, who during his lifetime, executed a registered will in favour of the petitioner, and after his death, petitioner was duly appointed as Mahant, and he has been performing his duties and managing the affairs of Dera peacefully; private respondents along with their associates, with intention to grab the property as well as the offerings of the Dera and Temple, forcibly and illegally entered the Dera along with weapons and forcibly detained the petitioner in a room and started abusing and harassing the petitioner and hence, the present petition.



3. In pursuance of advance notice, Mr.Anup Singh, AAG, Punjab appeared and keeping in view the contention of learned State counsel that there is a dispute regarding gaddi of the dera and the petitioner and another Mahant namely Gopalanand were appointed as head of the dera; dispute is regarding property of dera; Kalendra under Section 126 and 169 against both the Mahants had already been recorded; earlier petitioner tried to take forcible possession of the land of the dera and regarding this litigation is going on between them and FIR No.239 of 2024 registered against the present petitioner and both Mahants are trying to take forcible possession of the property of dera; now the matter has been referred to Sub Divisional Magistrate to appoint Receiver, this Court does not find any merit in the present petition and the same is hereby dismissed.

4. So far as the contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner that he was picked up forcibly by the private person along with police, to this aspect, the representation dated 03.08.2025 (Annexure P-5), which has already been filed by the petitioner, respondent no.2 is directed to look into and take action on the representation in accordance with law.

5. All pending misc. applications, if any, be also disposed of.

21.01.2026
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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

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