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

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**COCP-2587-2025 (O&M)  
Date of Decision : 03.07.2025**

Jagjit Singh

...Petitioner

VERSUS

Abhimnayu Rana, SSP, Tarn Taran

...Respondent

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL**

Present: Mr. Rahi Mehra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Shiny Chopra, AAG, Punjab.

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**VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J. (Oral)**

1. The instant petition has been preferred under Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 (hereinafter referred to as the '1971 Act') for willful disobedience of order dated 12.03.2025 passed by the co-ordinate Bench in CWP-25037-2022 titled as "Harjinder Singh Dhillon and Another Vs. State of Punjab and Others".

2. It has been averred that the writ petition had been preferred by the petitioner and his father Harjinder Singh apprehending threat to their lives. They had sought issuance of a mandamus to the respondents to provide adequate police protection to them. It has been averred that the writ petition was disposed of vide order dated 12.03.2025 (Annexure P-1) with a specific direction to the respondents herein to examine the representation and take a decision thereon.

3. It has further been averred that subsequent to the disposal of the writ petition, the movement of the petitioner was being monitored continuously. He was followed, as a result of which, the petitioner submitted a detailed representation dated 11.04.2025 (Annexure P-2).



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4. It has further been averred that despite the same, no steps have been taken by the respondents which makes it clear that contempt of Court has been committed.

5. Pursuant to notice of motion having been issued, status report by way of affidavit of Sh. Riputapan Singh Sandhu, PPS, Superintendent of Police-SDPO (City) Tarn Taran, was filed. It was averred that on receipt of the order dated 22.05.2025, the Station House Officer, Police Station (City), Tarn Taran was asked to ensure compliance of the directions and to submit a factual report.

6. Pursuant thereto, report dated 26.05.2025 was submitted mentioning that representation dated 11.04.2025 had been filed by the petitioner. The Station House Officer had verified the contents of the same and had submitted the report. It has been averred that upon verification of facts, it came to notice that the incident mentioned by the petitioner in his representation/statement had occurred in District Amritsar (Rural) and that no information had been given by the petitioner to the police of the said area.

7. It has further been averred that Jagjit Singh had been provided appropriate security cover and that ASI Dharminder Singh had been attached with him. Further, arms license had been issued, upon which two weapons had been registered. It has also been averred that security in the area of Hotel Seven Star of Tarn Taran had been beefed up and that a PCR vehicle had been stationed outside/around the said Hotel. The Station House Officer of the area had also been directed to visit Hotel Seven Star on regular intervals to ensure safety and security of the petitioner. It has been averred that under the circumstances, no disobedience of the directions passed by a co-ordinate Bench has been caused.



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8. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though certain steps have been indicated in the status report, no proper action has been factually taken. He has, however, not denied the factum of ASI Dharminder Singh having been attached with him and arms license having been issued to him pursuant to which two weapons have been purchased/registered.

9. *Per contra* learned State counsel submits that the directions have been complied with in letter and spirit.

10. I have considered the submissions made by the learned counsel for the parties and have perused the paper-book.

11. The present petitioner and his father Harjinder Singh Dhillon had filed a writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of a mandamus to the respondents to provide adequate and required security cover/police protection by way of enhancing the security cover already provided. The writ petition was disposed of on 12.03.2025 with the following observations/directions:-

*“2. Upon notice a short reply dated 08.05.2024, was filed by the State, which voiced about some previous incident which occurred requiring the police agency to depute one gunman to each petitioners. This has been done on account of allegations made by the petitioners about receiving threat calls from some foreign number. The relevant extract of the affidavit (supra), is extracted hereinafter:-*

***“16. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar Rural, vide report dated 04-04-2024 has reported that Jajbir Singh S/o Harjinder Singh (Petitioner) was shot dead on 13-07-2009, in which a case FIR No. 164, dated 14-07-2009, u/s 302 IPC Tarn Taran, was registered against seven accused persons. One accused namely Gurmeet Singh, has been convicted in this case. In an another case a security guard of petitioner Harjinder***



*Singh was murdered in the Hotel Seven Star by the manager of hotel namely Umesh Kumar due to Mutual enmity. In this regard the case FIR No. 201 dated 15-07-2018 U/s 302, 380, 120-B, 34 IPC Tarn Taran was registered. In a complaint the complainant has alleged about receiving threat calls to him and his son Jagjit Singh from unknown persons from foreign mobile numbers. During enquiry it has been found that Harjinder Singh and his son Jagjit Singh have received threat calls from foreign numbers. Therefore, to avoid any untoward incident and as a precautionary measure one gunman each is deployed with the petitioners Harjinder Singh and Jagjit Singh.*

*In view of the above mentioned reports submitted by the field units the adequate security (one gun man each) has been provided to the petitioners. On purely on temporary basis, subject to the review as per norms and guidelines under State Security Policy-2013”*

3. *Since, as on date, adequate police security has been provided to the petitioners, therefore, at this stage, this Court deems it apt to dispose of the instant petition, with a mandamus upon the respondents to periodically examine the threat perceptions to the petitioners, if any, in view of the norms and guidelines under State Security Policy, 2013, as well as SOP adopted by the Director General of Punjab, on dated 23.05.2024, for granting police protection to a private individual on the ground of threat perceptions.*

4. *In case the petitioners receives any fresh threat perceptions, they are at liberty to approach the SSP concerned, by making representation(s). In case such representation(s) is received, the latter concerned shall examine the same and take apt decision in view of the Scheme (supra).”*



12. Upon certain incidents having taken place, the petitioner submitted a representation (Annexure P-2). In the status report submitted in the Court, it has been stated as under:-

*“2. That it is respectfully submitted that on the receipt of the Order Dated 22/05/2025 passed by this Hon'ble Court in the instant petition, the answering deponent had directed the Station House Officer, Police Station City Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran to ensure the compliance of the directions as enshrined in the Order Dated 22/05/2025 passed by this Hon'ble Court in the instant petition and submit a factual Report thereof.*

*3. That it is respectfully submitted that the Station House Officer, Police Station City Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran has submitted a Report bearing No.999-5E Dated 26.05.2025, stating therein that it has transpired from the perusal of the record that a representation No.288-DPO dated 11.04.2025 was filed by the petitioner Jagjit Singh before the office of Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran and the same was marked to the Station House Officer, Police Station City Tarn Taran for conducting verification. The Station House Officer, Police Station City Tarn Taran has verified the said representation and submitted a report dated 21.05.2025 stating therein that the petitioner has alleged that he was travelling to his house situated in Dream City locality, Police Station Chattiwind, District Amritsar (Rural) from his Hotel Seven Star Tarn Taran at about 06:50 PM on 05/04/2025 on his vehicle ISUZU Pikka and his vehicle was followed by two unknown accused on Hero*



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*Splendor Motorcycle and when he entered Dream City Gate locality then, the said accused escaped.*

*During verification, the petitioner Jagjit Singh stated in his statement that he was accompanied by his gun man ASI Dharminder Singh No.1325/TTN and private driver Harjinder Singh and when they were about to enter link road opposite Dream City locality, then the pillion rider of motorcycle took out his pistol and pointed pistol towards their vehicle and the driver immediately stopped vehicle by applying brake and the accused escaped. The Station House Officer, Police Station City Tarn Taran had questioned the petitioner that whether he had filed any Representation/Complaint before any authority with regard to this incident and the petitioner responded negatively.*

*The petitioner has further stated about three more incidents dated 21/05/2025, 12/05/2025 & 06/04/2025 in his statement the incident dated 06/04/2025, the petitioner alleges that an unknown caller had called on his Cell Number while he was at home but he had not attended the said call.*

*In incident dated 12/05/2025, the petitioner alleged that at about 7 PM, one black Scorpio was parked outside Dream City and the occupants were video graphing him.*

*In incident dated 21/05/2025, a Fortuner bearing No.PB11-DE-0374 was parked near cut on National Highway (Area of PS Jandiala) and the occupants were video graphing his vehicle.*

*It is pertinent to mention here that the jurisdiction of all the incidents mentioned by the petitioner in his statement is in District*



*Amritsar (Rural) precisely Police Station Chattiwind and Police Station Jandiala. Moreover, the petitioner has admitted that he has not informed the local Police/Police of Amritsar (Rural) regarding the aforesaid incidents.*

4. *That the petitioner Jagjit Singh has already been provided appropriate Security cover i.e. ASI Dharminder Singh No.1326/TTN. Moreover, the petitioner has been issued Arms License whereupon two weapons i.e. One Spring Rifle and one 45 bore Pistol have been registered.*

5. *That the Area security of Hotel Seven Star, Tarn Taran has been beefed up. PCR vehicle has been stationed outside/around Hotel Seven Star. The Station House Officer, Police Station City Tarn Taran has been directed to visit Hotel Seven Star on regular intervals to ensure safety and security of petitioner.”*

13. In the considered opinion of this Court, directions passed by the co-ordinate Bench have essentially been complied with. It is incomprehensible as to what further steps could have been taken by the respondents to ensure the protection of life and personal liberty of the petitioner and his father. One police officer/official each has been provided to the petitioner and his father. Arms license has been issued. Weapons have been purchased by them. The Station House Officer of the area has been asked to visit the Hotel of the petitioner. A PCR has been deputed to be stationed in and around the area. In the considered opinion of this Court, no more steps could have been taken by the respondents to comply with the directions passed by the co-ordinate Bench.



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14. In view of the aforesaid, no further orders are required to be passed by this Court and it does not stand prove that there has been any willful disobedience of the directions issued by the co-ordinate Bench of this Court.

15. That being so, no further orders are required to be passed in the instant petition. The contempt petition is accordingly disposed of.

16. Rule is discharged.

17. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

July 3, 2025  
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**(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/non-speaking : Speaking  
Whether reportable : Yes/No