IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
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CWP No.20322 of 2014
Date of Decision:20.10.2016

Dashmesh Truck Operators Welfare Association & anr.   .....Petitioners
Vs.
State of Punjab and others   .....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAKESH KUMAR JAIN

Present:-   Mr. L.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Punjab.

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RAKESH KUMAR JAIN, J.(Oral)

The petitioners are the truck operators who have a grouse
against respondent No.5- Union as they are threatening to interfere in their
work through their musclemen. The petitioners have invoked Article 21 of
the Constitution of India and prayed that their life and liberty be protected
besides ensuring smooth operation of their business as provided in Article
19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India. After notice, respondentsNo.1 to 4
have filed reply but respondent No.5 has not filed reply despite repeated
opportunities. In fact no one is appearing on behalf of respondent No.5 to
contest this petition.

Counsel for the petitioners has submitted that he would be
satisfied if a direction is issued to respondent No.3 to look into their
grievance in case their life and liberty is threatened by respondent No.5 and
take appropriate action against them.

Counsel for the State has submitted that if any such application
is filed to respondent No.3, the s

ame shall be taken to its logical end and appropriate order shall be passed.

In view of the respective stand taken by counsel for the parties, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 in particular and to other respondents in general to ensure the protection of life and liberty of the members of petitioners No.1 and 2 if they are threatened, as alleged, by respondent No.5 at any point of time, on account of business rivalry.

With these observations, the present petition is hereby disposed of.

October 20, 2016   **(RAKESH KUMAR JAIN)**
renu   **JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/reasoned   Yes/No
Whether Reportable   Yes/No