



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

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CRWP-3241-2026

Date of Decision : 24.03.2026

KULDEEP KUMAR**...Petitioner****VERSUS****STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS****...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY**

Present: Mr. Anurag Chopra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. By virtue of present petition, petitioner prays for issuance of directions to official respondents to protect life and liberty of petitioner and its workers, who had been severely prejudiced/threatened at the hands of private respondent No.6 and his accomplices being the representative/member of rival Contractor at the concerned Mandis/Center/Cluster situated within cluster Ghanour, District Patiala (Punjab).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner refers to the Punjab Foodgrains Labour and Cartage Policy, 2025 (P-1) issued by the Government of Punjab, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Anaj Bhawan, Sector-39-C, Chandigarh and has placed reliance upon Clause-16 of the said Policy, which reads as under:-



“16. Grievance Redressal:- *In order to ensure smooth labour & cartage of food grains and redressal of grievances the following grievance redressal mechanism shall be followed in each district:-*

- A. *The Deputy Commissioner concerned will appoint Assistant Commissioner (Grievance) as Grievance Officer to tackle on priority all such complaints from various tenderers which have the potential to create serious law and order situation during procurement season.*
- B. *The Department of Home Affairs, Government of Punjab, will ensure to appoint a senior officer not below the rank of Superintendent of Police, in each district, to take action on complaints involving law and order situation and to provide adequate police arrangement where ever required.”*

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that it is obligatory over the Deputy Commissioner concerned to look into the grievance of the petitioner for its redressal, rather as per policy, the grievances can be redressed by the Department of Home Affairs also by appointing a senior officer not below the rank of Superintendent of Police in each district, to take action into the complaints moved by such aggrieved persons/company. He further refers to representations dated 23.02.2026 and 24.02.2026 addressed to Superintendent of Police, District Patiala and also to Deputy Superintendent of Police, Ghanaur, Patiala (Annexures P-3 & P-4, respectively). Counsel further points out that in similar situation, different Coordinate Benches of this Court have been entertaining the petitions by issuing the directions to look into the representations. Reliance is also placed upon the orders dated 04.04.2022 passed in CRWP-3003-2022; CRWP-3024-2022 decided on 04.04.2022; CRWP-3275-2022 decided on 08.04.2022; CRWP-10762-2022 decided on 22.11.2022, CRWP-3842-2023 decided on 28.04.2023;



CRWP-8104-2024 decided on 28.08.2024 and CRWP-1159-2025 decided on 07.11.2025 appended along with petition as Annexures P-5 to P-11, respectively.

4. In view of the submissions addressed by learned counsel for the petitioner and also material referred by the petitioner's counsel during the course of hearing including the earlier orders passed by different Coordinate Benches, this Court deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant petition by directing Deputy Commissioner, Patiala and Superintendent of Police, Patiala, to look into the grievance of the petitioner as per Clause-16 of the Policy for appropriate redressal of the grievance, if any exists in favour of the petitioner and then to take suitable action/step in accordance with law.

5. Accordingly, present petition is disposed of.

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

24.03.2026

Nisha Yadav

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>