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WPA 16254 of 2023

Sirajuddin Dewan @ Siraj Dewan
vs.
The State of West Bengal and others

Mr. Sourav Chatterjee
Mr. Soumya Nag
... for the petitioner

Mr. Suman Sengupta
Mr. Sambuddha Dutta
Mr. Sanatan Panja
... for the State

Liberty is granted to file supplementary affidavit on the next date. Advance copy of the same shall be handed over to the other side.

Learned senior counsel representing the petitioner, on being instructed by him, who is present in Court, submits that today i.e., on 16.12.2024 in the morning some miscreants belonging to the other side attacked the petitioner's shop room/hotel which is near his residence. His staff had taken videos of such attack. The miscreants ransacked the shop and looted away articles, among other things. The petitioner had left for this Court and would file an appropriate complaint by e-mail or otherwise. In the present matter, no order has earlier been passed granting security or protection to the present petitioner.

Learned counsel for the State, upon taking instruction from the Officer-in-Charge, Canning Police

Station, submits as follows. Pursuant to verbal direction passed by this Court, the Officer-in-Charge of Canning Police Station took information about the incident from the Officer-in-Charge of Jibantala Police Station and the latter was informed that today i.e., on 16.12.2024 in the morning there was a chaos in the hotel belonging to the petitioner. The petitioner put a padlock there and came out. Thereafter, the local people also went there and put a padlock. Possibly, the issue relates to something which is not a subject matter of the present litigation. Once the petitioner makes a complaint in this regard, appropriate steps would be taken by the police.

It is not clear whether the disturbance that had taken place at the petitioner's place relates to the issue at hand.

The petitioner shall be at liberty to take appropriate steps if the cause of action is a fresh one.

However, the present writ petition is pending before this Court and one cannot take chances on the question of security of a person, especially considering the backdrop of the writ petition.

Therefore, let the police authorities of Jibantala Police Station take appropriate measure to provide security to the petitioner at his residence. They shall post police picket of two constables, one of whom should

be armed near the said residence for a period of one month from this date.

List the matter for further hearing on 08.01.2025 at 2.30 pm.

parties shall act on a server copy downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)