

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH : AT AMARAVATI

MAIN CASE No.: Writ Petition No.20057 of 2023

PROCEEDING SHEET

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7.	02.04.2024	<u>SRK, J</u> Heard Sri P.Veera Reddy, learned senior counsel appearing for the learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri C.Suman, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for respondents. Perused the record. The petitioner preferred this Writ Petition seeking a direction to provide security by arranging 2+2 gunmen to the petitioner for his protection. Earlier, this Court, by an order 25.09.2023, permitted the petitioner to make a fresh representation before the respondent-police, and upon making such representation, the respondent-police were directed to dispose of the same strictly in accordance with law keeping in view the threat perception of the petitioner. It is submitted by the learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner that pursuant to the Order dated 25.09.2023, the petitioner herein made a representation to respondent-police, and pursuant to the said representation, 3rd respondent vide letter dated 15.03.2024 rejected the request of the petitioner for providing gunmen, on the ground of his alleged criminal background. Learned senior counsel would submit that there are no cases pending as against the petitioner and the cases which have been registered as against the	...contd.,

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	...contd., 2 nd page	petitioner ended in acquittal. The learned senior counsel submits that the petitioner is in active politics and he is canvassing in the ensuing general elections scheduled on 13.05.2024. It is his further submission that considering the threat perception, the petitioner was provided with 1+1 gunmen in the year 2016 and it was increased to 2+2, but later the security was withdrawn by the respondent-police. It is his further submission that as observed by this Court in the Order dated 25.09.2023, when attacks were held on the petitioner, three cases were registered at the instance of the petitioner against the assailants and the same are pending in various Courts. It is his submission that in view of the aforesaid threat perception, the ground stated by 3rd respondent in the letter dated 15.03.2024 for rejecting the request of the petitioner for providing gunmen, is not tenable, and hence, he prays to direct the respondent- police to provide security to the petitioner. On the other hand, the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for respondents submits that in view of the criminal background of the petitioner, the petitioner is not entitled for any security. Having regard to the submissions made by the learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and the threat perception and the cases registered at the instance of the petitioner pursuant to attacks on him, and in view of ensuing General	

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		Elections to be held on 13.05.2024 and as the petitioner herein is canvassing in the ensuing elections, the ground stated by 3rd respondent in the letter dated 15.03.2024 for rejecting request of petitioner to provide security is untenable, and hence, this Court directs the respondents-police to provide Security 1+1 Gunmen on payment of costs by the petitioner herein, for a period of six (06) weeks. Post the matter after four (04) weeks for filing counter-affidavit by the respondents. <u>SRK, J</u> DNB	

