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OM PRAKASH SONI VS STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

Present: Ms.Rukhmini Bobde, Advocate and

Ms.Madhu Dayal, Advocate

for the petitioner.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Asstt. Solicitor General of India

with Ms. Saigeeta Srivastava, Advocate,

for UOI.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that decategorization of the security of the petitioner is not on account of any individual assessment made by the committee on the basis of any inputs. The de-categorization has been done without issuing any show cause notice to the petitioner and associating the petitioner in connection with any information. Learned counsel further submits that the security of number of persons has been withdrawn vide common order dated 11.05.2022.

Notice of motion for 02.06.2022.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Gaurav Dhuriwala, Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State and Ms. Saigeeta Srivastava, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of Union of India.

Learned State counsel is directed to bring relevant material in a sealed cover for perusal of the Court in order to see whether withdrawal/down-gradation/de-categorization of security of beneficiaries has been done on the basis of some

objective data. Information in respect of order dated 11.05.2022 being available in public domain be also brought on record. Relevant information as to whether the order has become public on account of any RTI information or leakage or in collusion of someone having access to the order in question be also brought on record by the adjourned date.

To be listed after the urgent list.

30.05.2022

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH) JUDGE