

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

Crl.Misc.No.M-12810 of 2015

Date of decision : 23.4.2015

Shabnam and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER

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Present : Mr.Naveen Bawa, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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MAHESH GROVER, J.

The petitioners pray for appropriate directions for granting protection to them as they are facing apprehension to their life and liberty at the hands of respondent No.4.

It is alleged that petitioner No.1 was forced into marriage with respondent No.4 – Raj Kumar. In fact petitioner No.1 alleged that she was sold by her parents. Subsequent to the marriage with Raj Kumar she realised that the person was a man given to bad habits and abuse.

On due consideration of the matter, I am of the view that petitioner No.1 has ample remedies to file appropriate proceedings against her parents who had sold her and against Raj Kumar with whom she alleges forced marriage. This court in exercise of jurisdiction under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is not

willing to enter into the domain of threat perception to individuals which is predominantly with the official respondents bestowed with a duty to maintain law and order and to protect civil liberties of citizens. It is clear from the perusal of the petition that the petitioners have not taken recourse to the remedies available to them under the appropriate provisions of law including approaching the court of a Magistrate under Section 156(3) Cr.P.C. or even filing a complaint. Such remedies are available to the petitioners and they may take recourse to them if so advised.

In the meantime, the respondent No.2 may look into the grievance of the petitioners as far as threat perception is concerned.

Petition disposed of.

23.4.2015

(MAHESH GROVER)
JUDGE

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