

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

CRM-M-36504 of 2015

Date of Decision: **February 17, 2016**

Jasvir Kumar and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Mr. Shiv Narayan, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Jashan Preet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

M.M.S. BEDI, J. (Oral)

The petitioners claim that they are Dhaba owners being harrassed by respondents No. 8 to 22 who have formed a gang to indulge in collection of monthly protection money. They commit the offence of assault in case somebody refuses to pay as per their demands.

The petitioners through instant petition seek a direction to respondent No.1 to 7 to protect their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No.8 to 22.

It is stated in the reply filed by Deputy Superintendent of Police, Phagwara Sub Division, District Kapurthala that neither the petitioners have approached the official respondents nor they have moved any application for protection. However, the State authorities undertake to provide due protection.

On the other hand, the petitioners have placed on record annexure P-4 and P-6 representations dated 12.12.2014 and 08.10.2015 respectively.

After taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 SSP Kapurthala to ensure vigilance over the law and order situation prevailing qua the petitioners who claim themselves to be Dhaba owners. In case any representation is submitted to SSP Kapurthala by the petitioners, it is directed that interim steps will be taken to enquire into the matter and if the circumstances warrant, necessary steps will be taken against the culprits.

With the above directions, the petition is disposed of.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

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