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

**CRM-M-34471-2017
Date of Decision: 14.09.2017**

Ajit Singh and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Sandeep S. Majithia, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA J. (ORAL)

Notice of motion.

[2]. On the asking of the Court, Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 4.

[3]. In this petition, the petitioners seek protection of their lives and liberty from the hands of private respondent Nos.5 to 15, who are all business entities, and who allegedly through respondent No.3, who happens to be a Police Officer, are threatening/intimidating and harassing the petitioners.

[4]. Their contention is that they run a rice mill and have business dealing with the private respondents. However, the petitioners concerned suffered heavy losses on account of which the financial commitments could not be kept up at the relevant times. Now the petitioners are being allegedly threatened by the private respondents through the local level Police Officers with a view to force them to make payments which they are unable to do at

present. They are also alleged to have been threatened with implication in false criminal cases at the instance of the private respondents.

[5]. Without commenting on the merits of the petitioners' allegation, the present petition is disposed off with a direction upon respondent No.2 to ensure that no unnecessary harassment/pressure is created upon the petitioners in the absence of any actual criminal case being lodged against them, and even in such eventuality to give them adequate notice under Section 160(2) of the Cr.P.C. before resorting to any coercive measure directly induce to them.

14.09.2017

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

2. Whether reportable: No