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

CRM-M-4726-2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 13.09.2017

Rupinder Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. G.S. Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Senior DAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA J. (ORAL)

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Allowed as prayed for.

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Reply filed on behalf the respondents by way of affidavit of
Deputy Superintendent of Police, Shahkot, Jalandhar; be kept on record.

[2]. In this petition, the petitioner, who is the wife of one Ranjit Singh, who is stated to be an absconder in certain pending criminal cases has sought for a direction upon the respondent Police Authorities to not harass and humiliate her and her daughter by unnecessarily raiding their house in the late hours, and also to protect the life and liberty of herself and her daughter apart from a further direction to give adequate notice (of seven days) to them in the event of their being implicated in any motivated criminal case.

[3]. In the reply filed on behalf of the State, the allegations of

harassment/humiliation have been denied. It is further contended that raids are conducted in the petitioner's house in an effort to nab the absconder Ranjit Singh, but it has been denied that any threat or harassment has been caused to the petitioner or her daughter in such ways.

[4]. After hearing both sides and going through the pleadings on record, the present petition is disposed off with a direction upon respondent No.2 to ensure that the petitioner or her daughter are not harassed in any manner in their residential house, and that raids, if any, necessary to apprehend the absconder must be conducted strictly within the permissible hours and in accordance with other formalities required under law. At the same time, the petitioner and her family members/daughter are directed to ensure that they themselves do not directly or indirectly help in absconding Ranjit Singh. Further in the event of any criminal case being registered against the petitioner or her daughter, adequate notice under Section 160(2) of the Cr.P.C. must be given to them before resorting to any coercive step directly to either hide or escape from authority as and when the situation comes.

13.09.2017*Bhumika***(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
2. Whether reportable: No