

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

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CRM-M No.8069 of 2018

Date of Decision: February 26th, 2018

Gurdeep Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate
for the petitioners.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

It is the contention of learned counsel for the petitioners that there was an unfortunate situation where petitioner No.3-Kuldeep Singh and his wife namely Baljit Kaur daughter of Jasbir Singh-respondent No.4 had to move a petition under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of their marriage by mutual consent. As per the agreement, ₹3,30,000/- was to be paid to the wife for full and final settlement of the *stridhan*. ₹1,90,000/- was paid on the first motion, however, the remaining amount could not be arranged by petitioner No.3 because of which the said petition was dismissed on 07.12.2017. Because of natural reasons, Baljit Kaur wife of petitioner No.3 expired and it is at this stage that respondent No.4 is pressurising the petitioners to make the payment of remaining amount of ₹1,40,000/- out of the total amount of ₹3,30,000/- of which ₹1,90,000/- has already been paid which was the condition for grant of divorce by mutual consent. In connivance with the police authorities, now the petitioners are being harassed and are being summoned to the Police Station without any cause. It has also been asserted that the minor child of 3 years who was born out of the wedlock of petitioner No.3 and deceased Baljit Kaur is residing with the petitioners.

Highlighting this aspect and putting forth the true perspective, petitioners have submitted a detailed representation dated 18.02.2018 (Annexure P-1) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, but despite that, no action has been taken till date.

Counsel for the petitioners states that the petitioners, at this stage, would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, to look into the representation and take appropriate steps in accordance with law.

In the light of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners, in case the assertions as made by the petitioners are found to be correct, appropriate steps be taken by the competent authority.

In any case, provisions as contained under Section 160 Cr.P.C., be complied with.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

February 26th, 2018
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No