

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

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CRM No.M-8688 of 2018
Date of decision:25.4.2018

Shri Dhar and others

... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH.

Present: Mr.Sailesh Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioners
Mr.J.S.Walia, Sr.DAG,Punjab
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AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

Pursuant to notice issued, learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Bhupinder Singh of Police Station City, Rajpura, submits that the statements of 3 of the petitioners, i.e. Shri Dhar, Ram Bali and Ali Ahmad (petitioners no.1, 2 and 32 respectively), have been recorded by the police, to the effect that they are no longer being harassed and they are not being evicted from the premises in question and are living there happily.

Though learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the statements were got signed by the petitioners, who sign in Hindi, with the statements being in Punjabi, on query, he does not deny that they have been residing in Punjab for the past 25 years; therefore, even if they do not know the *Gurmukhi* script, they obviously understand the language.

Other than that, the statements being to the effect that they are living peacefully in the premises in question, I see no undue influence or pressure in obtaining the statements so signed. Of course, if the statements

had been to the effect that they are leaving the premises voluntarily, such statements could have been taken to be induced under pressure.

That not being so, this petition is disposed of, with a direction to all the respondents, that the petitioners shall not be evicted at any stage from the premises in question, except by due course of law, through the Court.

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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No