

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

CRM-M-13200-2019
Date of decision:20.03.2019

Sukhwinder Kaur and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Advocate
 for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners have approached this Court seeking direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty to the petitioners.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that petitioner No.1 had been married to respondent No.4-Varinder Singh but since respondent No.4 had been harassing petitioner No.1, she filed a petition seeking dissolution of her marriage but later on, under pressure from her family she withdrew the same. Learned counsel has further submitted that in fact husband of petitioner No.1 is HIV+ and that since petitioner No.1 even after withdrawal of

divorce petition, is being continuously harassed by respondent No.4, therefore, she left her matrimonial home. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that petitioner No.1 is in fact an adopted child who had been adopted by her 'Bua' and 'Fufar' and after she left her matrimonial home, she wanted to reside with her adoptive parents i.e. respondent No.7 and 8 but they refused to help her in any manner. It is further submitted that the petitioner No.1 thereafter approached petitioner No.2 who helped her out and provided shelter and economic support to her. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that since petitioner No.1 had been residing with petitioner No.2, the said arrangement is not acceptable to respondents No.4 to 8 who are after the lives of the petitioners and although they have filed a representation (Annexure P-3) to the police but no action has been taken thereupon.

3. Having heard learned counsel for the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Rupnagar to look into the matter and to dispose of representation (Annexure P-3) expeditiously and in case, the allegations made therein are found to be well-founded then necessary steps warranted under law be taken thereupon at the earliest. It is further directed that in case, there is any genuine apprehension of threat to lives and liberty of the petitioners, then adequate steps be taken so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.
4. A copy of this order along with copy of representation (Annexure

P-3) be sent to respondent No.2- Superintendent of Police, Rupnagar so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.

5. It is, however, made clear that this order shall not be deemed to confer any immunity upon petitioners from any action warranted under law for having committed any wrong or offence.

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

20.03.2019
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Whether reasoned / speaking? Yes / No

Whether reportable? Yes / No