

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

CRWP-3431-2020

Date of Decision : 23.07.2020

Nirmal Kaur and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Ripudaman Sidhu, Advocate,
for the Petitioners.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, Dy. Advocate General, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA J. (ORAL)

Both the Petitioners are present in person and identified by their Counsel. They seek protection of their life and liberty by contending that both of them having attained the age of majority, are living together as respondent No.1 has taken shelter in the house of respondent No.2 against the wishes of her husband and in-laws i.e. respondent Nos.6 to 11, and apprehend danger to their life and liberty. They submitted a representation (Annexure P-1) in this regard to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala and the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Ferozepur on 01.06.2020, but are still apprehensive about their security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of respondent No.6 and his family members.

2. Both of them, as per the Memorandum of Parties, are major.

3. For the aforesaid reasons, this appears to be a fit case for this Court to invoke the inherent powers under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. and in view of the mandate contained in Article 21 of the Constitution of India to protect the citizen's right to life and liberty.

4. Thus, Respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala and Respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur are directed to consider the representation dated 01.06.2020 (Annexure P-1) and take appropriate steps to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners.

5. It is, however, observed that the petitioners would not be entitled to any protection against their arrest of continuance of any criminal proceedings, if otherwise, found to be involved in punishable cognizable offence.

6. The petition is disposed off with the above direction.

July 23, 2020
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(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No