

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

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**CRWP No.6885 of 2020
DECIDED ON : 07.09.2020**

Madhu & Anr**...Petitioners**

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.**...Respondents****CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI.****Present:-** Mr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu, Advocate, for the petitioners.**GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (ORAL)**

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

The petitioners, namely, Madhu and Mohan Lal, stated to be aged 30 and 29 years respectively, have jointly filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of directions to respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 and 5 and not to interfere in their personal life.

Learned counsel for the petitioners based on pleadings submits that the petitioners are major. He further submits that petitioner No.1 belongs to General caste and petitioner No.2 belongs to Reserved Category. Learned counsel, however, submits that petitioner No.1 was married to respondent No.4 but because of harassment at the hands of respondents No. 4 and 5, the petitioner has decided to live separately. He submits that petitioners would take steps in accordance with law *vis a vis* marriage of petitioner No.1 with respondent No.4, however, getting support from petitioner No.2, petitioner No.1 is staying with him. Learned counsel then

submits that in view of peculiar facts as noticed above, there is threat to their lives and liberty and therefore, petitioners have filed the present petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in this regard, a detailed representation dated 28.08.2020 (Annexure P-3) was submitted to respondent No.2-Sr. Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Notice of motion to official respondents only, at this stage.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, Asstt. A.G., Punjab, who has joined proceedings on service of advance copy of the petition, appears and accepts notice on behalf of the State.

While refraining from making any expression as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition, the petition is disposed of with a direction that in case the petitioners approach the police authorities concerned with above representation dated 28.08.2020 (Annexure P-3) with regard to their alleged threat perception, the same shall be got examined by the Sr. Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib-respondent No.2, expeditiously in accordance with law and necessary steps as may be warranted under the facts and circumstances of the case be taken thereupon forthwith.

A copy of this order be sent to the Sr. Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib-respondent No.2, so as to enable the said authority to do the needful expeditiously.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : YES/NO
Whether reportable : YES/NO