

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.111

CRWP-7071-2020

Date of Decision: 11.09.2020

SANTOSH RANI AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

VS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ARCHANA PURI

Present: Mr. Parvesh Sachdeva, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

ARCHANA PURI, J. (ORAL)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing in the light of Covid-19 pandemic.

The present petition has been filed by the petitioners for issuance of direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to take adequate steps to protect the lives and personal liberty of the petitioners, as they apprehend danger to their lives at the instance of private respondents No.4 to 14.

Notice of motion.

Mr. P.S. Walia, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents No.1 to 3.

In the petition, it is averred that petitioner No.1-Santosh Rani, who is a major, is married to respondent No.14-Pala Singh son of Mangat Singh. Petitioner No.3-Navjot Kaur, aged about 10 years, is minor daughter of Santosh Rani and she has been impleaded through petitioner No.1 as next friend and guardian. Also in the petition, it is averred that on account of harassment caused to petitioner No.1 at the instance of respondents No.13 and 14, she had left the matrimonial house along with her daughter, petitioner No.3. Now, she along with her daughter, is residing with Mohinder Singh in village Chand Mari alias Saido Ke Utad, Tehsil and District Fazilka, which was earlier part of Jalalabad.

Now, on account of petitioner No.1 having left the matrimonial house and having started residing with petitioner No.2, all the petitioners are apprehending danger to their lives and personal liberty at the instance of respondents No.4 to 14, who are members of the extended family of petitioner No.2, as well as father-in-law and husband of petitioner No.1.

The representation has already been filed by petitioner No.1 and petitioner No.2 on 05.09.2020 to Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, copy whereof is Annexure P-1 and it is stated that no action is being taken on the said representation.

In view of the assertions so made, the present petition is disposed of with the direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to look into the matter and also to consider the representation dated 05.09.2020, copy whereof is Annexure P-1, and to redress the grievance of the

petitioners in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from today onwards.

However, these observations are circumscribed, only for the purposes of disposal of the present petition, without prejudice to the rights of the parties, to be adjudicated in any civil or criminal proceedings qua their age, nature of their relationship and the validity thereof.

Accordingly, the petition stands disposed of.

(ARCHANA PURI)
JUDGE

11.09.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No