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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.7297 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 11.11.2020

Harjot Kaur and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Pardeep Bajaj, Advocate
for Mr. Vaneet Kumar Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for issuance of directions to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.5 to 21.

It is stated in the petition that the petitioners are unmarried girls and are students and the private respondents are defaming them by posting pictures of the petitioners and their family members by using vulgar remarks on social media platforms like Facebook, TikTok, etc., which has made their life hell. It is further stated that the petitioners have given a representation to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib, however, no action has been taken so far.

Reply by way of affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib, is on record and as per the reply, the petitioners are accused in FIR No.29 dated 01.02.2020 registered under Section 304-B IPC at Police Station City Malout, in which 04 persons were nominated as an accused including the petitioners Harjot Kaur and Navjot Kaur along with Gurmeet Singh, Paramjit Kaur and Harmanpreet Singh.

It is further stated that during the investigation of the said FIR, one accused namely Harmanpreet Singh is arrested and challan

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qua him is presented in the trial Court. It is also stated that during the investigation one of the accused namely Gurmeet Singh has moved an application to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib, regarding innocence of Gurmeet Singh, Harjot Kaur, Navjot Kaur and Paramjit Kaur. The said application was marked to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib, who is now conducting the enquiry and it will take some time in conclusion of the trial. It is further stated that the FIR was registered on account of death of one Rano Bai and there is no threat to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents and the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib is conducting the enquiry in a proper and legal manner.

In view of the above, this petition is disposed of, at this stage with a direction to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib, to conclude the enquiry within a period of 03 months from today.

It will be open for the petitioners to again approach the Senior Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib, if need be.

Disposed of.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No