

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

Sr. No.112

CRWP-7371-2020

Date of Decision: September 18, 2020

SUKHPAL SINGH AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ARCHANA PURI

Present: Mr. Inderjit Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

ARCHANA PURI, J.

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, Sukhpal Singh and Amandeep Singh Gulati, for seeking issuance of directions to official respondents No.1 to 4, to protect their lives and personal liberty, as they apprehend danger to their lives at the instance of private respondents No. 5 to 8.

It is stated in the petition that petitioner, Sukhpal Singh, was married to Ramita Rani, daughter of Raj Kumar in the year 2007 and two children, namely, Arpita and Amandeep Singh Gulati, aged about 11 years and 4 years, were born from the said wedlock. However, matrimonial

dispute had arisen between the petitioner No.1 and his wife, as a result whereof, the wife of petitioner No.1 parted ways and left the matrimonial house on 08.01.2009. Son namely Amandeep Singh Gulati, born from the said wedlock, is in the custody of petitioner No.1. Now, on account of matrimonial dispute, the petitioners apprehend danger to their lives and personal liberty at the instant of respondents No.5 to 8, who are the father-in-law, mother-in-law and brothers-in-law of petitioner No.1. Also, it is stated that petitioner No.1 filed representation dated 20.08.2020 to SSP Khanna (Ludhiana) and SSP, Bathinda, which is placed on record as Annexure P-1, but no action has been initiated on the same.

Notice of motion.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of official respondents No.1 to 4 and has assured of disposal of the representation so made by petitioner No.1 within a period of four weeks.

In view of the aforesaid assertions and assurance given by learned State Counsel, which is acceptable even to learned counsel for the petitioners, the present petition is hereby disposed of with the direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to look into the matter and also to consider the representation dated 20.08.2020, copy whereof is placed on record as Annexure P-1 within a period of four weeks from today onwards, in accordance with law, and if they find that there is any genuine apprehension of danger to the lives and personal liberty of the petitioners, then they are directed to take appropriate steps to ensure their protection in the fitness of the circumstances.

purposes of disposal of the present petition, without prejudice to the rights of the parties, and shall have no effect on any civil or criminal proceedings initiated at the instance of either of the parties to the lis.

Accordingly, the petition stands disposed of.

(ARCHANA PURI)
JUDGE

September 18, 2020
Himanshu

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No