

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

CWP-17165-2019

Date of Decision: March 13, 2020

BALKAR SINGH AND OTHERS

..... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: None for the petitioners.

Mr. Abhaypal Singh Gill, AAG, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.(Oral)

This writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to respondent no.2 – SSP, Fatehgarh Sahib to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents no.3 to 6, who are alleged to be continuously harassing and interfering in the peaceful life of the petitioners. It is further prayed that representation dated 13.06.2019 (Annexure P-4) submitted by the petitioners be decided by respondent no.2.

Notice of motion was issued in this case on 25.06.2019. As per office report, process fee has not been filed till date. However, Learned counsel for the State has instructions in this matter on account of an advance copy being supplied to the A.G., Punjab. Reply by way of affidavit dated 20.12.2019 of Raminder Singh, PPS, DSP, Fatehgarh Sahib, District Fatehgarh Sahib, filed in Court today, is taken on record, subject to just exceptions. It is specifically mentioned therein that the petitioners had submitted an application/representation dated 19.07.2019 against Bahadur

Singh – respondent no.5 and a team of 'A-One Channel'. An inquiry was marked by respondent no.2-SSP, Fatehgarh Sahib to respondent no.3-SHO, Sarhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib. It is alleged in the said representation that respondent no.5 alongwith his team had come to their shops and recorded certain videos and that they demanded an amount of Rs.1,00,000/- from the petitioners. The said video clipping was broadcast on 27.06.2019. The application/representation was thereafter filed by the petitioners. A copy of the inquiry report is attached as Annexure R-1. It is stated therein that allegation raised by the petitioners against respondent no.5 and the team of 'A-One Channel' regarding demand of Rs.1,00,000/- was found to be unsubstantiated. The petitioners were duly associated with the inquiry. No truth was found in the application/representation, which was recommended to be filed.

There is no representation on behalf of the petitioners today. In view of the reply filed on behalf of respondents no.1 to 4, I do not feel that any useful purpose would be solved by keeping the writ petition pending. No further orders are called for in this writ petition. Needless to say, in case of any subsisting grievance, the petitioners are at liberty to avail the remedy/remedies as available to them and in case, there is any fresh threat to their life and liberty, they may approach respondent no.2, who needless to say shall look into the matter and take appropriate action if any/as may be required.

Writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

13.03.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No