

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
110 (PROCEEDINGS THROUGH V.C.)**

CRWP-8023-2020

DATE OF DECISION: OCTOBER 06, 2020

Arshpreet Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Navraj Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.
Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners have approached this court with a grievance that their lives and liberty are at danger at the hands of the villagers especially respondent Nos.5 to 9. Assertion has also been made that respondent No.4- Station House Officer, Police Station Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga, had kept petitioner No.1 in confinement on 25.09.2020 till evening of 27.09.2020 without any FIR. It is after the protest by Dalit Samaj Community at the Police Station that petitioner No.1 was released.

The reason for such action on the part of the villagers and the Station House Officer is that the petitioner had only shared the post on the facebook, which stated that labour class people should not join the protest to be held on 25.09.2020 against the Centre Government regarding Agricultural Ordinances because their only intention was that in Punjab Malwa Area, atrocities are committed on Dalit/Labour Community by the other higher communities.

Highlighting this aspect, petitioners have submitted their representation dated 01.10.2020 (Annexure P-2) to the Director General of Police, Punjab, Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga and the Station House Officer, Police Station Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga, respondent Nos.2 to 4 respectively but no action thereon till date has been taken.

Counsel contends that the petitioners, at this stage, would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga-respondent No.3, to look into the representation dated 01.10.2020 (Annexure P-2) and take appropriate steps in accordance with law.

In view of the statement made by the counsel for the petitioner, without going into the merits of the case or commenting thereon, the present petition is disposed of with directions to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga-respondent No.3, to look into the representation dated 01.10.2020 (Annexure P-2) and take appropriate steps in accordance with law within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

October 06, 2020
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No