

Manga Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present:- Mr. K.B.Raheja, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

All cases listed today have been taken up for hearing by way of video conferencing because of the situation existing due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

By this petition, the petitioners seek issuance of a writ in the nature of 'mandamus' directing respondents no.1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty, and that of their daughter, at the hands of private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners validly adopted their daughter, namely Mohini Kaur, from respondents no.4 and 5 who are her natural parents, with respondent no.4 being the sister of petitioner no.1.

He points to the fact that the conditions of a valid adoption were obviously duly met, with the child having been adopted when she was one day old and she having completed her entire education till date (her present age being 16 years), as would be obvious from the certificate (copy Annexure P-1) issued by the District Education Officer, Elementary

Education, Punjab, on 05.05.2017, as also the ration card (copy Annexure P-2), issued on 19.07.2011, in both of which she is shown to be the daughter of the petitioners.

He further submits that despite the above, respondents no.4 to 9 are now trying to snatch the girl back from the petitioners and are constantly harassing them (as alleged).

In respect of their grievance the petitioners are stated to have made a representation to the SSP, Tarn Taran, (copy Annexure P-5), which is stated to be still not decided.

That being so, without making any comment on the actual merits of the case, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the SSP, Tarn Taran, to go into the grievance of the petitioners and to take a decision on the aforesaid representation, as per law, within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order, naturally after hearing all concerned in the matter.

December 07, 2020

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**(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE**

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