

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

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CRWP-6037-2021

Date of decision: 02.07.2021

Balihar Singh and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Gaurav Singla, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

Present criminal writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking direction to respondent No. 2 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No. 3 to 5.

It has been averred that petitioner No.1 is the husband of petitioner No.2. Petitioner No.1 is the Numberdar of Village Ratta Khera and Petitioner No.2 is the Sarpanch of the same village.

The grievance of the petitioner is that the Gram Panchayat of Village Ratta Khera had got resolved the matrimonial dispute between respondent No. 5 and her husband and an amount of Rs. 2, 40,000/- had

been deposited with Gram Panchayat, Ratta Kehra by husband of respondent No.5 to be handed over to respondent No.5 on a petition for mutual divorce being filed by respondent No. 5 and her husband.

The said amount has since been handed over to respondent No.5. In this regard the reference has been made to the Gram Panchayat Resolution dated 29.06.2020 (P-2), wherein respondent No.5 has admitted receipt of the said amount. It is submitted that at the behest of respondent No.5, petitioners are being threatened by respondents No. 3 and 4 that if they do not pay some more amount to respondent No.5, they would be implicated in false cases. They are being repeatedly called to visit the police station and made to sit there.

In view of the above, the present writ petition is disposed of with direction to respondents that in case the presence of the petitioners is required in connection with investigation/inquiry of any case the provisions of Section 160 Cr.P.C be complied with.

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(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

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| 1. | Whether reportable? | Yes / No |
| 2. | Whether reasoned / speaking? | Yes / No |