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

CRWP-669-2021

Date of decision: 12.01.2022

Surjeet Kaur and others

Petitioners

Versus

State

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Ms. Rahish Pahwa, Legal Aid Counsel for the petitioners.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

[1] Due to COVID-19 situation, the Court is convened through video conference.

[2] This writ petition was registered on the basis of written complaint received from Surjeet Kaur and 8 other persons. The allegations are that on 18th December, 2020, Inspector Karamjeet Singh, SHO, Police Station Badhni Kalan alongwith 16-17 police officials surrounded their houses and conducted search. No objectionable item was found yet the residents of the *Mohalla* including women and children were beaten. As per the complaint, ten persons were taken away. It is further alleged that police officials took away one car and seven motorcycles.

[3] Notice of motion was issued and State filed a reply dated 1st October, 2021.

[4] As per the reply, routine search and operation were undertaken to apprehend the proclaimed offenders and smugglers.

The allegations of illegal detention of the persons mentioned in the complaint and giving beatings to the residents of *Mohalla* were specifically denied.

[5] On receiving the complaint, notices were issued to the complainants/petitioners. As per office report they were served but none of them put in appearance.

[6] This Court on 6th September, 2021 appointed a legal aid counsel for assistance of the Court.

[7] Ms. Rahish Pahwa, Advocate was appointed as Legal Aid Counsel. She submits that she does not have any detail to contact the petitioners or to get any instructions. In absence of instructions, in view of reply filed, no further averment can be made.

[8] In view of above facts, writ petition is disposed of. It is clarified that complainants and the alleged detenues would be at liberty to avail remedies in accordance with law for redressal of surviving grievance, if any.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

12th January, 2022

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1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes / No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes / No