

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

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**CRM-W-195-2022 In/&
CRWP-1463-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 23.02.2022**

RISHIKA LALOTRA AND ANR

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present : Mr. S.K. Choudhary, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. A.K. Khurana, DAG Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ. J. (ORAL)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

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The instant application is for preponing the date of hearing in the main case, which is fixed for 28.03.2022, on the ground that the petitioners face severe threat to their life and liberty.

Notice in the application.

Ms. A.K. Khurana, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and conveys her no objection to the case being preponed.

With the consent of the parties and for the reasons stated in the application, the same is allowed. The date of hearing in the main case i.e., CRWP-1463-2022 is preponed and the same is taken up on board today itself.

CRWP-1463-2022

The petitioners namely Rishika Lalotra and Rahul have approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for seeking protection of their life and personal liberty from private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that the petitioners are major and are staying together. However, their relationship is not acceptable to the private respondents and as a result thereof, the private respondents are threatening the petitioners. A representation dated 10.02.2022 (Annexure P-4) against the threat extended at the hands of the private respondents already stands submitted by the petitioners to the respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur.

The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and claim that there is a constant danger of being implicated in a false case.

Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Ms. A.K. Khurana, DAG Punjab has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of respondents Nos.1 to 3.

Learned State counsel has no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is given.

As such, the petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation dated 10.02.2022 (Annexure P-4) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against the petitioners nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking appropriate action by the police authorities in respect thereof in

accordance with law.

The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above-said representation to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur for requisite compliance.

The petition is disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

February 23, 2022
S.Sharma(syr)

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>