

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

Sr. No.119

CRWP No.2246 of 2022

Date of Decision: 11.03.2022

Harpal Singh Khara and another

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH

Present: Mr. Judgepreet Singh Warring, Advocate
for the petitioners.

SANT PARKASH, J. (ORAL)

*[The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing
since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court]*

The instant petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of appropriate directions to respondents No.1 to 4 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of culprits, who are hurting religious sentiments of the petitioners as well as the whole Sikh community and also to decide representation dated 07.01.2022 (Annexure P-2) moved by petitioner No.2.

It is submitted that petitioner No.1 is an advocate by profession and doing his practice at District Court Complex, Bathinda. Petitioner No.2 is a clerk with petitioner No.1. Both the petitioners are followers of Sikh religion and rendering their professional services to the needy persons for the cause of humanity. Some adamant persons namely Babita Gupta, Harshit Srivastava and Amit Pankaj etc. who are politically motivated, want to divide the nation on account of religion and have also given provocative speeches on Facebook on 5th and 6th January, 2022 threatening the specific community. Some of the translated copies of screen shots taken from social media which have been posted by the aforesaid culprits, have also been

annexed as Annexure P-1. Petitioners approached respondent No.4 to take appropriate legal action against the said persons but no heed was paid to their request and consequently, petitioner No.2 moved a representation dated 07.01.2022 before respondent No.3, but till date, no action has been taken on the same.

Now, the prayer on behalf of the petitioners is that a direction be issued to the official respondents to decide the representation of petitioner No.2 in an expeditious manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Tanvir Joshi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and has no objection if an appropriate direction be issued for deciding the representation of petitioner No.2.

In view of the above, the instant criminal writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3—Inspector General of Police, Bathinda Range, Bathinda to decide the representation dated 07.01.2022 (Annexure P-2) within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above said representation to respondent No.3- Inspector General of Police, Bathinda Range, Bathinda for requisite compliance within the time period granted by this Court.

**(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE**

11.03.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No