

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

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CRWP-2986-2022
Date of decision: 01.04.2022

RAKESH KUMAR AND ANR.

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present : Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. A.K. Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ. J. (ORAL)

The petitioners namely Rakesh Kumar and Sarishta Devi 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 29.03.2022 (Annexure P-3) 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 No.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 29.03.2022 (Annexure P-3) 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

April 01, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*