

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

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CRWP No.5913-2022

Date of Decision: June 21, 2022

Amanjoti and another

.....Petitioner(s)

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. Amandeep Chhabra, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Addl. A. G. Punjab

Mr. Harpal Singh Sirohi, Advocate for respondents No.4 and 5.

ANOOP CHITKARA J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of private respondents and not to interfere in their matrimonial life.

2. Learned counsel for the private respondents has strenuously opposed the protection to the petitioners on the ground that petitioner No.2 has some nude photographs of petitioner No.1 and on this pretext, he is black-mailing her.

3. The only prayer for which the petitioners have come up before this Court for protection of their life at the hands of the private respondents.

4. If the allegations of apprehension of threat to their lives turn out to be true, it might lead to an irreversible loss. Thus, in the facts and circumstances peculiar to this case, it shall be appropriate that the concerned Superintendent of Police, SHO, or any officer to whom such powers have been delegated or have been authorized in this regard, provide appropriate protection to the petitioners for one week from today. However, if the petitioners no longer require the protection, then at their request it may be discontinued even before the expiry of one week. After that, the concerned officers shall extend the protection on day-to-day analysis of the ground realities or upon the

Oral or written request of the petitioners.

5. This order is subject to the condition that from the time such protection is granted, the petitioners shall not flaunt it and shall avoid visiting areas where there may be a threat to their lives according to their perception.

6. It is clarified that there is no adjudication on merits and that this order is not a blanket bail in any FIR. It is further clarified that this order shall not come in the way if the interrogation of the petitioners is required in any cognizable case. It shall also be open for the petitioner(s) to approach this Court again in case of any fresh threat perception.

7. Given above, concerned SHO shall ensure the meeting of brother-Maninder of petitioner No.1, who is present in Court today in the Local Gurudwara Sahib on 23.06.2022 at 11:00 a.m. It is clarified that concerned SHO shall ensure that the meeting should not exceed beyond two hours. Needless to say that petitioner No.1 is major and after this meeting, she can meet her brother-Maninder as many times as she wants and petitioner No.2 shall not create any hinderance in it.

8. It is also clarified that no other person shall accompany brother of petitioner No.1. They shall not impose any pressure, intimidate, threaten her as well as will not use abusive language during the meeting.

9. The petition is allowed to the extent above.

There would be no need for a certified copy of this order, and any Advocate for the Petitioner can download this order along with case status from the official web page of this Court and attest it to be a true copy. In case the attesting officer wants to verify the authenticity, such an officer can also verify its authenticity and may download and use the downloaded copy.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: No