

Date of Decision: 15.9.2022

...Petitioners

...Respondents

Mr.G.S.Sandhu, DAG, Punjab

Through this petition under Articles 226 of the Constitution of India, prayer has been made for issuance of direction to respondents No.1 to 4 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from danger at the hands of respondents No.5 to 9.

sought protection to their life and liberty. However, the petitioners

apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.5 to 9. Therefore, they have submitted a representation dated 8.9.2022 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.3-Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 4 only at this stage.

On the asking of the Court, Mr.G.S.Sandhu, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Article 21 of the Constitution stipulates protection of life and liberty to every citizen and that no person shall be deprived of his life and personal liberty except according to procedure established by law. It is the bounden duty of the State as per the Constitutional obligations cast upon it to protect the life and liberty of every citizen.

In view of the above discussion, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3-Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana to decide the representation dated 8.9.2022 (Annexure P-3), moved by the petitioners in accordance with law and grant protection to them, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived.

It is, however, clarified that in case there is any criminal case registered against the petitioners, this order shall not be construed as an impediment for the law enforcing agency to proceed against the petitioners in accordance with law.

(ASHOK KUMAR VERMA)
JUDGE

15.9.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No