

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-2937-2023

Date of Decision: 08.05.2023

Shinderpal Singh and another

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

Present : Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners have moved the present petition before this Court with a prayer for issuance of directions to the respondents No. 2 and 3 not to harass the petitioners at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 20 as they had solemnized marriage against the wishes of the private respondents.

2. After issuance of notices, a status report by way of affidavit of the the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur, was filed on behalf of the respondents No. 1 to 3.

3. Learned State counsel has informed the Court that a fresh inquiry was entrusted to ASI Gurdev Singh, Incharge, Police Station, Guruharsahai, who had joined both the parties and recorded their statements.

The notices were issued to the petitioners also, but they did not appear before the Inquiry Officer to get their statements recorded. However, respondent No. 6 appeared during the course of inquiry and made a statement that Shalu Rani had performed marriage with Shinderpal Singh

out of her own free will and the respondent No. 6 and his family members have no objection to the marriage between the petitioners. Apart from that, the statements of respectables of the village were also recorded and they also stated that there was no threat to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of the private respondents or any other person. The learned State counsel further contends that as per the inquiry conducted up till now, no threat perception is found to the petitioners at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 20 and in case, the petitioners have any threat to their life and liberty, they are free to appear before the Inquiry Officer and get their statements recorded and after carrying out the assessment, necessary action shall be immediately taken to ensure the safety of the petitioners.

In view of the submissions made by the learned State counsel, no further directions are required and the petition is, accordingly, disposed off.

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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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