

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

**CRWP No.9387 of 2023
Date of Decision: 21.09.2023**

Harpreet Kaur & Anr.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Naresh Chander, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

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MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.

The petitioners herein seek the indulgence of this Court for the issuance of the direction to the official respondents to protect their lives and liberty, while averring that they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of the private respondents and they further pray that the official respondents be also directed to decide their representation Annexure P-3, as respondent No.2 has not yet taken any action on the same.

2. Mr. Iqbal Singh Mann, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, has appeared on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 in this case in pursuance of the copies of the present petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance and on the instructions from SI Paramjit Singh, the '*Pairvi Officer*' from Ludhiana, he informs the Court that representation Annexure P-3 has not been received in the office of respondent No.2 till date.

3. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned State counsel in the instant petition, at the preliminary stage and have also gone through the file carefully.

4. Representation Annexure P-3 bears the date 18.09.2023 and the present petition is shown to have been filed on 19.09.2023 and it has been listed today, i.e on 21.09.2023 and as apprised by learned State counsel, the said representation has not yet reached the office of the competent Authority.

5. However, keeping in view the intent of the fundamental right as enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India which ensures the protection of life and liberty to the citizens and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the merits of the instant petition, the same stands disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana that in case, the petitioners move any representation to him, exclusively praying therein for the protection of their lives and liberty only, he shall look into the same and if they would be found to be genuinely deserving such protection, then he shall take appropriate action, in accordance with law, in the given set of facts and circumstances of the matter, preferably within ten days thereafter.

6. However, it is further clarified here that this order shall not be construed to be a shield to the petitioners against any legal action, civil or criminal, as already initiated or intended/contemplated to be initiated against them by the competent Authority/person on account of the facts as narrated in the present petition.

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

21.09.2023
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>No</i>