

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

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**CRWP-11106-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 16.11.2023**

ANCHAL AND ANOTHER

....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present : Mr. Akash Manocha, Advocate for the petitioners.

SANJIV BERRY. J. (Oral)

This is a petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directions to respondent Nos.1 to 4 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondent Nos.5 to 10.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both petitioners are apprehending threats to their lives at the hands of respondents Nos.5 to 10, who are the family members of the petitioners. The petitioners have moved a representation dated 03.11.2023 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, but no action thereon has been taken till date.

3. Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 4 only.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. AG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondent Nos.1 to 4.

5. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, to consider the representation dated 03.11.2023 (Annexure P-3) keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and if so warranted, take action, to

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ensure protection to the life and liberty of the petitioners, strictly in accordance with law.

6. It is made clear that this order is not to be construed as any opinion with regard to the age of the petitioners or factum or validity of their relationship in any civil or criminal proceedings nor the petitioners would be entitled for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if otherwise, found to be involved in commission of any cognizable offence(s).

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

16.11.2023
S.Sharma(syr)

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/ No</i>