

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

CRWP-139-2023

Date of Decision: 02.03.2023

BHAJNO BAI

.... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Suraj Kavndal, Advocate for
Ms. Ramandeep Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Arora, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J (ORAL)

Status report by way of an affidavit dated 28.02.2023 of Yadwinder Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division, Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur, on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 has been filed in the Court and the same is taken on record.. Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place.

Order dated 09.01.2023 says as under:-

Counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner-Bhajno Bai, who is a widow aged 42 years, along with her three minor children is staying with one Lachman Singh under compelling circumstances. One Makhan Singh (respondent No.4) along with other respondents is threatening with dire consequences, if she does not leave the shelter provided by Lachman Singh.

Notice of motion for 31.01.2023.

On asking of the Court, Mr. J.S. Arora, DAG,

Punjab, who is present in Court accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 (State), and seeks time to file status report after examining the representation dated 26.12.2022 (Annexure P-2) addressed to Superintendent of Police, Fazilka.

Let requisite copies of the complete paper-book be supplied to learned State counsel during course of the day.

Counsel for the State refers to para No.3 and 4 of the status report which says as under :-

3. That taking into count sensitivity of the case, enquiry into the application dated 26.12.2022 (Annexure P-2) moved by petitioner to Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka (respondent No.2) has been got conducted through SI Kulwant Singh, Police Station, Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur, who joined both the parties in the enquiry and also recorded their respective statements. During enquiry, petitioner Bhajno Bai @ Bhajan Kaur has recorded her statement dated 31.03.2023 to the effect that her first marriage was performed with Ranjit Singh son of Wazir Singh, resident of Seed Farm, Abohar, who had died about three years ago. Keeping in view of her future prospectus, she is living with Lachhman Singh son of Ranga Singh,

resident of Gatti Ajaib Singh Wali, Tehsil Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur in live-in-relationship and keeping in view of her living relationship, she has filed the present petition before this Hon'ble Court. The petitioner further recorded in her statement that till now, neither her parents, nor any of the relatives of Lachhman Singh aforesaid have caused any interference in their life in any manner whatsoever, nor there is any danger to their life, nor even she wants to get any protection. True translated copy of statement of petitioner Bhajan Kaur is annexed herewith as Annexure R-1. Accordingly, the Station House Officer, Police Station, Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur vide this report No.188-SA, dated 31.01.2023 has recommended to file the application (Annexure P-2) of petition.

4. That from the aforesaid enquiry, no threat perception has been found to the petitioner at the hands of respondents No.4 to 8, so far, However, whenever there will be any threat to the life and liberty of petitioner in a real sense, after carrying

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out ground level assessment, necessary action shall be immediately taken to ensure her safety and if the need be, adequate security will be provided to her.

In view of the status report filed by the State, counsel for the petitioner seeks withdrawal of the present petition, at this stage.

Dismissed as withdrawn, at this stage.

02.03.2023
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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