

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

CRWP No.11467 of 2023

Date of Decision:29.11.2023

Sonia and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Vishal Goel, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the official respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 7.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners would contend that the petitioners are major and want to marry each other. Petitioner No.1 informed her parents about her relationship with petitioner No.1 as well as her intention to marry him but the private respondents including parents of petitioner No.1 did not agree and tortured her. Both the petitioners are now living separately but the private respondents are continuously threatening them of dire consequences. They have apprehension of their life and liberty at the hands of private respondent No.4 to 7 and in this regard, submitted a representation dated 23.11.2023 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2 but till date, no action has been taken thereon.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Ms. Navreet Singh Barnala, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice for the official respondents and on instructions from ASI Balbir Singh submits that the representation has been marked to him and he is investigating the same. She further submits that the jurisdictional police authorities are duty bound to protect the life and liberty of the citizen and will look into the matter and take appropriate steps.

5. Without commenting on merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the jurisdictional police authorities/official respondents to look into the representation dated 23.11.2023 (Annexure P-3) submitted by the petitioners and if there is any specific incident/details provided by the petitioners which warrants action on the part of police authorities, take appropriate action in accordance with law within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

November 29, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No