

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

CRWP No.11549 of 2023

Date of Decision:30.11.2023

Navjot Singh Mukkar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Sahil Nain, Advocate for
Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner and take action on the complaints dated 17.08.2023 (Annexure P-3) and 09.11.2023 (Annexure P-4) submitted by the petitioner against the private respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that respondent No.5 was already married and when he came to know that she got married to the petitioner without obtaining divorce from her earlier husband, he filed a petition under Section 12 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. Respondents No.5 and 6 are threatening the petitioner to withdraw his divorce petition and the Sub Inspector Jaswinder Singh posted at Police Station Dugri, Ludhiana is pressuring the petitioner to enter into compromise with respondents No.5 & 6.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Ms. Navreet Singh Barnala, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice for the official respondents and submits that complaints dated

17.08.2023 (Annexure P-3) and 09.11.2023 (Annexure P-4) have been marked to SI Jaswinder Singh, who will look into the same.

5. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has raised grievance against SI Jaswinder Singh that he is acting at the behest of private respondents and threatening the petitioner.

6. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Sukhdev Raj submits that veracity of the complaints made by the petitioner would be investigated by some other police official and assures that the respondent-State is duty bound to protect the life and liberty of the citizens and appropriate steps will be taken, if so required.

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 complaints dated 17.08.2023 (Annexure P-3) and 09.11.2023 (Annexure P-4) submitted by the petitioner and if there is any specific incident/details provided by the petitioner which warrants action on the part of police authorities, appropriate action will be taken by them 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 30, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No