

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

121 CRWP-11701-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 05.12.2023

Sonia and another
Versus
State of Punjab and others
...Petitioners
...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. Satnam Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

1. Through this petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners namely Sonia and Maninder have approached this Court seeking protection of life and liberty at the hands of private respondent No.6.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that petitioners are major and are staying together. It is pleaded that petitioner No.1 is married with respondent No.6 and out of the said wedlock, they have two children who are in the custody of respondent No.6. Petitioner No.1 has left her matrimonial home and taken shelter with petitioner No.2. The said action has vexed the private respondent.
3. The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and claim that there is a constant danger of being implicated in a false case. It is further submitted that petitioners moved a representation dated 25.11.2023

(Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur but to no avail.

4. Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.
5. Mr. G.S. Sidhu, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent Nos.1 to 5 and waives service.
6. Learned State counsel pleads no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is given.
7. Accordingly, without commenting on the merits of the case and considering the rights of an adult to elect a place of his/her choice to stay, the petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-3) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.
8. However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against the petitioners nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking appropriate action by the police authorities in respect thereof in accordance with law.
9. Disposed of.

December 05, 2023
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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes / No
Whether Reportable :	Yes / No