

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

CRWP-12258-2023

Date of decision: 20.12.2023

Muskan Khatun and others

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. Ashish Soi, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

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SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for directions to respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No. 4 and 5.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are apprehending threats to their lives at the hands of respondents No. 4 and 5 and they have also moved a representation dated 16.12.2023 (Annexure P-4) to the Commissioner of Police, Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana. But no action has been taken till date.

3. Notice of motion.

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-respondents No. 1 to 3.

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5. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent No. 2-Police Commissioner, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana, to consider the representation dated 16.12.2023 (Annexure P-4) keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and if so warranted, take action, to ensure protection to the life and liberty of the petitioners, strictly in accordance with law.

6. 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

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |