



221 **IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
CHANDIGARH**
CRWP-1871-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 01.08.2024

GEETIKA AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Mukul Goyal, Advocate
 for the petitioners.

 Mr. Rishabh Singla, AAG Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in the present criminal writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to respondents No. 1 and 2 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the private respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that private respondents are hard-core criminals. It is further contended that in the months of January and March 2015, petitioner No. 1 was mercilessly beaten by her husband-respondent No. 4 and when the petitioner became pregnant, she was forced to get the delivery of her child done in her parents home. Thereafter, in the year 2019, after the marriage of respondent No. 4's brother, respondent No. 4 tried to kill petitioner No.1 by strangulating her throat with his bare hands in front of his parents. Husband of petitioner No. 1 is a hard core drinker and he comes home after having excessive liquor and start abusing petitioner No. 1. In the year 2022, petitioner No.1 got injured and doctor had prescribed her complete bed rest and during that time also, petitioner No. 1 was forced by the

private respondents to do the household work and domestic help was not



hired to assist her and ultimately after many years of marriage, when private respondents did not mend their ways and after getting fed up by the behaviour of private respondents, petitioner No. 1 along with minor son-petitioner No. 2, left the matrimonial home on 30th December 2023. It is further contended that petitioner No. 1's matrimonial life was full of torture, mental and physical agony and behaviour of private respondents was extremely cruel towards her and her dream of happy married life was shattered. Petitioner No. 1 has been tortured for bringing less dowry and private respondents are criminal minded, selfish and greedy persons, who are aggressively violent and inhuman. The petitioners are living under constant threat and persistent danger to their lives and liberty at the hands of private respondents.

3. Per contra, learned State counsel opposes the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners on the ground that the present petition is totally misconceived one. Admittedly, petitioner No. 1 had left her matrimonial house on 30.12.2023. Thereafter, no specific instance has been mentioned, which would remotely suggest that petitioners have any apprehension of threat and the dispute between the parties is purely personal in nature and it is a matrimonial dispute which warrants no protection. In the entire petition, the criminal antecedents of private respondents were not given. Only bald allegations with regard to them being criminals, has been made.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court finds no force in the arguments advanced by learned counsel for the petitioners and no merit in the

present petition. The matter between petitioner No. 1 and her husband is purely private in nature.

5. In view of the above, the present petition is devoid of any merit and the same is hereby dismissed.

01.08.2024		(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
Ajay Goswami		JUDGE
	Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
	Whether reportable	Yes/No