

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

**Criminal Writ Petition No. 3638 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 24.04.2024**

Sukhvinder Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Rahul Rampal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Athar Ahmad, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner, by way of present criminal writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeks issuance of directions to the official respondent Nos. 1 to 3 for protection of her life and liberty at the hands of private respondent No. 4 (*Vishaljeet Singh*), who apparently happens to be the rebellious son of petitioner and is compelling and threatening her mother-petitioner to sell all the properties, left by her deceased-husband, rather than serving his old mother.

[2] Learned counsel for the petitioner, while referring to Annexure P-2 to P-4, submits that all these three e-mails were served upon the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Amritsar, informing him about the grievance and threats being faced by the petitioner. He further submits that the petitioner even appeared before the SHO concerned and got her statement recorded on 05.09.2023 again expressing concern about her life and liberty, however, all these representations have fallen upon the deaf ears of the authorities concerned, thereby compelling the petitioner to file the present petition.

[3] Upon advance notice, learned State Counsel, been instructed by the quarter concerned, informs that no such representation was received by the office of SHO concerned, though a complaint at Dial-112 i.e. Emergency Response System provided by the State Agency was received and the action thereupon is in progress.

[4] I have learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper-book.

[5] A perusal of record shows that repeated e-mails were served upon the E-mail ID of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Amritsar, from the E-mail ID of the brother of petitioner, who himself happens to be the retired Lieutenant Colonel, namely, Bahadur Singh. The petitioner even appeared before the SHO concerned and got her statement recorded on 05.09.2023; however, no action was ever taken on the aforesaid representations made by the old lady, who is being troubled by her unruly and defiant son, who rather than serving her aged mother at this stage, is only concerned about the property left by his deceased-father. In such circumstances, having failed to perform their duties, the official respondents have unnecessarily compelled the petitioner to approach this Court about redressal of her grievance.

[6] In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, respondent No. 2 (Commissioner of Police, Amritsar) is directed to look into the representations (P-2 to P-4) submitted by the petitioner and to take all necessary steps in accordance with law in furtherance thereof.

[7] Having failed to redress the grievance of the petitioner despite repeated representations and forcing her to come to this Court, respondent No. 3 (Station House Officer, Police Station Ranjit Avenue, District

Amritsar) is burdened with costs of Rs. 25,000/- which shall be paid to the petitioner within a period of seven days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and in case, the needful is not done, costs shall be recovered as arrears of land revenue from respondent No. 3 by the District Magistrate, Amritsar and a communication in this regard shall be sent to this Court within seven days thereafter.

[8]

Disposed off accordingly.

April 24, 2024

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(HARKESH MANUJA)

JUDGE

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>