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CRWP-8356-2024
Date of decision: 30.08.2024

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS **...Respondents**

Present:- Mr. Kuldeep Singh Siwach, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

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SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for directions to respondent No. 2 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 8 and further directions to respondent No.3 not to harass and interfere in the life of the petitioners.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners, *inter alia*, contends that the petitioners, feeling aggrieved by the act and conduct of private respondents No. 4 to 8 and apprehending threats to their life and liberty had moved the representation dated 26.08.2024 (Annexure P-5) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda, Punjab but till date no action thereon has been taken. He further submits that for the purpose

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of the petition, the petitioners will be satisfied if appropriate directions are given to respondent No.2 to consider and dispose of the aforesaid representation dated 26.08.2024 (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law in an expeditious manner.

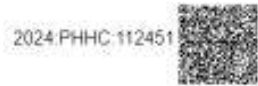
3. Notice of motion to official respondents.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Adesh Pal Singh, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondents No. 1 to 3 and submits that the aforesaid representation will be disposed of in an expeditious manner in accordance with law.

5. After considering the rival contentions and considering the limited request made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting on the merits of the case, the petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda, Punjab, to consider and dispose of the representation dated 26.08.2024 (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law in an expeditious manner so as to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners and if needed, provide requisite protection to their life and liberty.

6. The decision so taken be intimated to the petitioners.

7. It is made clear that 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



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petitioners would be entitled for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings against them, if otherwise, found to be involved in commission of any cognizable offence(s).

8. Disposed of.

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(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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