



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-9663-2024(O&M)
Date of Decision: 04.10.2024

RESHMA BAI AND ANR
STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

VERSUS

....Petitioners
....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Ms. Rashi Verma, Advocate for
Mr. Manu Loona, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Akshay Kumar, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the official respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos. 4 to 12 and take action on their representation dated 27.09.2024 (Annexure P-3).
2. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioners that petitioner no.1 got married 15 years back with respondent no.4- Balkar Singh and out of the said wedlock, two children were born. The main reason to leave the company of her husband (respondent no.4) is that he is all in all a man of bad vices, addicted to alcohol as well as addicted to other drugs and after intoxicating drug he used to physically assault to petitioner no.2 and also used exploited her physically. She has left her house and has started living with the petitioner No.2. Apprehending danger to their lives and liberty, they sent representation dated 27.09.2024 to the respondent No.2 but



the same has not been taken into consideration and hence, the present petition.

- 3. Notice of motion.
- 4. Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, at this stage. The petitioners' counsel is directed to supply the copy of the petition to her.
- 5. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned State counsel and without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also with regard to the sanctity of relationship or age of the petitioners, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Fazilka to look into the matter and dispose of the representation dated 27.09.2024 (Annexure P-3) in accordance with law and also to take necessary step, if any, genuine threat to life and liberty of the petitioners is found.
- 6. A copy of this order along with copy of representation dated 27.09.2024 (Annexure P-3) be sent to respondent No.2, so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.
- 7. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

04.10.2024
Deepak Patwal

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

- 1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
- 2. Whether reportable : Yes/No