



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

**CRWP-2598-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 18.03.2025**

Harmandeep Kaur Randhawa and another

... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Kamaljeet S. Mamrat, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Present criminal writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to protect the lives and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of accused persons, as petitioner No.1 got registered an FIR No.18 dated 20.02.2025 under Sections 103, 109, 61 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 25(6), 25(7) & 25(8) of Arms Act, 1959, at Police Station Mehna, District Moga and further to direct respondent No.3 to consider and decide the representation dated 25.02.2025 (Annexure P-2) submitted by the petitioners.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners, *inter alia*, contends that FIR (*supra*) was registered on 20.02.2025 and both the petitioners are eyewitnesses to the incident. The assailants had also fired upon petitioner No.2 (husband of petitioner No.1), who narrowly escaped and petitioner No.1 sustained one bullet injury in her knee. Further, one person namely Raj Kumar, who was present at the spot, had been murdered and while running away, the assailants threatened petitioner No.2 (husband of petitioner No.1) that next time, he would not be spared. The local police advised the petitioners not to go out of their house. In this regard, the petitioners submitted a detailed representation dated 25.02.2025 (Annexure P-2) to respondent No.3, however, till date, no action has been taken thereon. It is further contended that one of the accused, namely Gurwinder Singh @ Guru, who is resident of the same village, has not been arrested till date and the petitioners apprehend danger to their lives and liberty, as they are eyewitnesses to murder of Raj Kumar.

3. Learned State counsel appears on advance notice and on instructions from the Investigating Officer, submits that three of the accused named by the petitioners have been arrested and two accused are already in jail and they are being produced before the Court concerned after obtaining production warrants. The State is duty bound to protect its citizens. It is further submitted that the petitioners are the prosecution witnesses and it will be ensured that no harm is caused to them by any of the accused.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record

of the case file with their able assistance.

5. Keeping in view the prayer made by the petitioners and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to take into consideration the representation dated 25.02.2025 (Annexure P-2) submitted by the petitioners and dispassionately assess their threat perception, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law. Respondent No.3 is further directed to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners at the hands of accused persons.

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[HARPREET SINGH BRAR]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No