

2026:PHHC:050505



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

CRWP-1857-2026

Date of decision :01.04.2026

GURMEET SINGH AND ANOTHER

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Rajwinder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. M.S. Toor, A.A.G., Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)

The prayer in the present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to respondent Nos.2 to 4 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos.5 to 13 and for transfer of the investigation to Mohali or any other District in Punjab excluding Patiala.

2. On 19.02.2026, the following order was passed:-

“Notice of motion limited to the extent of transfer of investigation as it has been found that the petitioners otherwise do not need security.”

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners contends that after passing of the aforementioned order, the petitioners once again received threatening calls. However, he did not go to the Investigating Agency out of fear. He therefore, prays that the investigation be transferred outside Patiala and appropriate protection be granted to the petitioners and their family members.

4. A short reply dated 30.03.2026 by way of an affidavit of Mandeep Kaur, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, PBI/Crime against Women and Children, District Patiala has been filed on behalf of the State by the learned counsel for the State. The same is taken on record. He contends that at no stage did the Investigating Agency find that the petitioners require protection. On being called to join the inquiry and provide evidence of any threat and also respond to the allegations made against them, the petitioners chose not to appear before the concerned police officials. Therefore, the present petition is liable to be dismissed.

5. Heard.

6. A perusal of the record would reveal that the petitioners do not require any protection whatsoever, firstly because of the order dated 19.02.2026 and secondly because of the fact that despite the Investigating Agency calling them to join the inquiry on the complaint made against them, they have chosen not to do so.

7. As regards the transfer of the investigation, the DGP, Punjab is directed to transfer the investigation of Complaint No.10902/Peshi dated 03.12.2025 to any District other than Patiala.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

01.04.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No
Whether reportable:- Yes/No