

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

CRWP No.5005 of 2020

Date of Decision : 20.07.2020

Shilpa and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Pranav Handa, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

The petition has been taken for hearing through video conference due to Covid-19 pandemic.

In the present writ petition, the prayer of the petitioners is that their life and liberty be protected as they apprehend threat to their life and liberty at the hands of respondent Nos. 4 and 5.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are in a live-in relationship and they intend to marry as soon as the petitioner No.2, who is less than 21 years of age, attains the age to solemnize the marriage.

As per averments made in the petition, petitioners apprehends threat to their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No. 4 and 5 i.e. parents of petitioner No. 1. Petitioner No.1 according to the averments made in the petition, has already left her parents house and is no longer interested to stay with her parents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has drawn attention of this

Court to the representation dated 14.07.2020 (Annexure P-4) made by the

petitioners to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Hoshiarpur seeking protection to their life and liberty.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 only.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of State of Punjab respondent Nos.1 to 3.

Without making any observation on the merits of the case, a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to take appropriate decision on the representation, which the petitioners alleged to have made on 14.07.2020 (Annexure P-4), expressing apprehension about danger to their life and liberty at the hands of respondents Nos.4 and 5 within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the copy of this order. In case any merit is found in the representation, the appropriate action will be taken by respondent No.2 to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of the private respondents.

Petition is disposed of in above terms.

July 20, 2020
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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