

Sr.No.106

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

CRWP-5497-2020

Date of decision:31.07.2020

Rajni and another

... Petitioner(s)

versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondent (s)

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jasgurpreet Singh Puri

Present: Mr. Kapil Khanna, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Jasgurpreet Singh Puri, J.(Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India with a prayer for seeking directions to respondent Nos.2 and 3 to grant protection of life and liberty to the petitioners at the hands of the private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that petitioner No.2 is already married and his matrimonial and divorce petitions are pending with his wife. He has submitted that the parents and the relatives of petitioner No.1 are forcing her to get married with somebody else. Learned counsel has further submitted that the petitioners are in live-in relationship and they intend to get married after the finalisation of the divorce proceedings of petitioner No.2 with his wife. He is confining his prayer only with regard to the grant of protection of life and liberty and is not touching the topic of validity of any of the marriage or the validity of the live-in relationship.

Notice of motion to the office of Advocate General Punjab.

On asking of the Court, Mr. H.S.Sitta, AAG, Punjab, accepts

notice on behalf of State of Punjab. Learned State counsel has stated that so far as the grant of protection of life and liberty is concerned, State has no objection to look into the matter in this regard.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the pleadings made by both the parties and in the circumstances of the case, respondent No.2 is directed to look into the representation (Annexure P-3) as well as to assess the threat perceptions of both the petitioners in this regard and after doing the same, shall proceed in accordance with law with regard to grant of protection of life and liberty to the petitioners.

However, it is made clear that subject matter of the present petition is confined only to the grant of protection of life and liberty and does not reflect anything with regard to the validity of marriage of any of the parties or the validity of live-in relationship of any of the parties.

Disposed of.

31st July, 2020

Shivani Kaushik

**[JASGURPREET SINGH PURI]
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable *Yes/No*