

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

**CRWP-7467-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision : 22.09.2020**

Soffia and another **.... Petitioners**
Versus

State of Punjab and others **... Respondents**

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present: Mr. Vijay Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA (ORAL)

CRM-W-912-2020

This application has been moved with a prayer to exempt petitioner No.1 from filing her identity proof.

Heard.

Keeping in view the fact that the copy of the matriculation certificate of petitioner No.1 (vernacular) contains the impression of her photograph, this application is hereby allowed.

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By way of the instant petition, the petitioners have sought the indulgence of this Court for issuance of a writ directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect their life and personal liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6 because they are living in live-in-relationship against the wishes of these respondents. It has also been mentioned in the petition that the petitioners have already moved a representation (Annexure P-3) to Commissioner of Police, Amritsar (Rural)-respondent No.2, on 14.09.2020 in this regard.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. DAG, Punjab, at the asking of the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer to issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to take appropriate action on the said representation, i.e. Annexure P-3.

Learned counsel for the State has no objection for the same.

Accordingly, without commenting or expressing any opinion on the legality of the relationship between the petitioners, respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Amritsar is hereby directed to look into the said representation (Annexure P-3) and if it is found that the petitioners genuinely deserve any protection, then to take appropriate action in accordance with law. However, it is clarified that this order shall not be construed to be a shield to the petitioners against any action initiated or sought to be initiated by the competent authority or person on account of their said relationship and permissible under any relevant provisions of law.

This petition stands disposed of.

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No