

CRWP-10231-2020

Date of Decision: 09.12.2020

Akshay Kumar and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURIPresent: Mr. Parvesh Sachdeva, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dulat, Addl. AG, Punjab.

Through Video Conferencing**JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J.(ORAL)**

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking directions to official respondents for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of the private respondents, who are the parents and relatives of the petitioner No.2.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioner No.1 is 31 years of age, whereas, the petitioner No.2 is 17 years and 2 months as her date of birth is 23.09.2003 and they are staying in live-in relationship because they want to marry as and when the girl attains the age of majority. However, the parents and relatives of the petitioner No.2 are not agreeing for the same, in view of the fact that this would be an inter-caste marriage and the petitioners are apprehending threats at the hands of the private respondents. He has also referred to the affidavit filed by the

petitioner No.1, Annexure P-3 and also affidavit Annexure P-4 filed by cousin of the petitioner No.1 with regard to the aforesaid averments which have been made by the petitioners. Learned counsel has submitted that there is a great threat at the hands of the private respondents and it is only because of the fact that the parents of the petitioner No.2 are opposing because of difference in the caste and has prayed for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1, 2 and 3 only, at this stage.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dulat, Addl. AG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents.

In view of the averments which have been made by the petitioners instead of calling of the reply of the respondents, at this stage, it is just and appropriate to direct the respondent No.2 - Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, to consider the representation (Annexure P-5), which was submitted by the petitioners to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka and to further proceed in accordance with law.

It is made clear that the above said directions are being issued only for the purpose of protection of life and liberty of the petitioners and would not reflect anything on the relationship between the parties interse.

Disposed of.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

December 09, 2020
Manpreet

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