

Gurnam Singh and anotherPetitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and othersRespondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Parvesh Sachdeva, Advocate,
for the petitioner.
Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG, Punjab

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

All cases listed today have been taken up for hearing by way of video conferencing because of the situation existing due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

By this petition, the petitioners seek issuance of a writ in the nature of 'mandamus' directing respondents no.2 and 3 to protect their life and liberty, at the hands of private respondent no.4.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are in live-in relationship with each other, though petitioner no.1 is a married man with petitioner no.2 being a widow.

He submits that in fact respondent no.4 is the brother of the wife of petitioner no.1 and though the wife of the said petitioner has no objection to the live in relationship, respondent no.4 is harassing the petitioners.

Protection of life and liberty obviously being a basic fundamental right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents no.2 and 3 to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is duly protected as per law, at the hands of

respondent no.4 or any other person.

However, it is made clear that as regards any objection to the live-in relationship by the wife of petitioner no.1, or any other competent person as per law, obviously any legal remedy that such person has available to her/him, would naturally be always so available, with this court making absolutely no comment on any proceedings initiated by such competent person *qua* such live-in relationship, which proceedings would naturally be dealt with as per their own merits, if at all filed.

December 16, 2020

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**(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : YES
Whether Reportable : NO