

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

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CRWP-3504-2021

Date of Decision: 09.04.2021

Shilpa Devi and another

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Ranbir Singh Pathania, Advocate for petitioners.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

This is a petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ especially in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.1 to 5 to protect life and liberty of petitioners and not to harass the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.6 and 7.

Petitioners have sought protection of their life and liberty, *inter alia*, taking the plea that they are in live-in relationship against the wishes of private respondents and now they are apprehending danger to their life and liberty from respondents No.6 and 7.

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

At the asking of Court, Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Complete copy of paper book has been supplied to him.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners and perusal of record, respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, is directed to consider the representation dated 05.04.2021 (Annexure P/3) and issue necessary orders, as warranted by law, so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.6 and 7.

However, it is also made clear that this order shall not be taken to entitle the petitioners for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if they are found involved in the commission of any cognizable offence. In case, the petitioners had committed any offence, the law will take its own course.

With the above said observations made and directions issued, the present petition stands disposed of.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

09.04.2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No