

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

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**CRWP-3394-2021(O&M)
Decided on : 08.04.2021**

SOMWATI & ANOTHER

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

(Through Video Conferencing)

Present: Mr. Pardeep Sihmar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to respondents No.2 to 5, to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.6 to 9.

It has been stated by the learned counsel that the petitioners have been in a live-in-relationship for the past 02 years. Learned counsel contends that despite repeated representations having been made to the authorities concerned, no steps have been initiated by them to come to the rescue of the petitioners and protect them from the threats being extended to them by the private respondents. In support of his submissions, learned counsel has sent through Whatsapp receipts of the courier service through which the representations were made to the authorities concerned. The same is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions, Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Tanushree Gupta, DAG Haryana, who is appearing through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

At the outset, this Court would refrain from commenting upon the live-in-relationship of the petitioners since admittedly the marriage of petitioner No.1 with respondent No.6 is still subsisting. However, in the wake of the repeated representations having been made to the authorities concerned, which are supported by the courier receipts, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent Nos.2 and 3 to look into the representation dated 05.04.2021(Annexure P-3) qua the alleged threat perception, and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. It is clarified that this order will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter, nor would it be taken to be a stamp of this Court qua the legitimacy or otherwise of the relationship between the petitioners.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

April 08, 2021

S.Sharma(syr)

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No