

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

CRWP-5376-2021
Decided on : 15.06.2021

Sharda & anr.

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & ors.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Sumit Dua, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners and also directing respondents No.4 to 8 not to interfere with their life and liberty or harass them.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Sharda Sharma, aged 44 years and petitioner No.2 – Shubham Jakhar, aged 25 years, have been in a live-in-relationship since 26.05.2021, which has not gone down well with the family of petitioner No.2 who have ever since then been threatening them with dire consequences. It has also been submitted that petitioner No.1 is a married woman, however, divorce proceedings between her and her husband are pending. It has further been submitted that in view of the threats, a representation dated 08.06.2021 (Annexure P-3), which is duly supported by a postal receipt 08.06.2021 seeking protection was made to respondent No.2, however, the authorities concerned had not come to their rescue. Hence, they have been constrained to approach this Court by way of the instant petition.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of Court, Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

5. In view of the above, the petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2-Sr. Superintendent of Police, Fazilka to look into the representation dated 08.06.2021 (Annexure P-3) at the earliest 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. However, this direction will not be construed to be a stamp on the live-in-relationship of the petitioners and would have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which may be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No