

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

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CRWP-5479-2021(O&M)

Decided on : 17.06.2021

MAYA DEVI AND ANR

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

(Through Video Conferencing)

Present: Mr. Karandeep Singh, 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 and 3 to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners at the hands of the private respondents.

Learned counsel contends that private respondents are extending threats to the petitioners who are stated to be in a live-in-relationship. It has been submitted that petitioner No.1 is a married woman who has strained relations with her husband arrayed as respondent No.4.

Learned counsel submits that even though they had made a representation dated 06.06.2021 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Karnal seeking protection of their life and liberty, no action has been initiated by the authorities concerned to come to their rescue.

Learned counsel prays that directions be issued to respondent No.2 to look into the representation dated 06.06.2021 (Annexure P-3) and

take appropriate steps as may be required since the life and liberty of both the petitioners continues to be in peril.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court Mr. Tapan Kumar, DAG Haryana, who is appearing through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

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.4 is still subsisting. However, in the wake of the representation having been made to the authorities concerned, which is supported by the courier receipt, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent Nos.2-Superintendent of Police, Karnal to look into the representation dated 06.06.2021 (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

June 17, 2021

S.Sharma(syr)

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*