

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

CRWP No.6596 of 2021

Date of Decision: 16.07.2021

Reena Rani and Anr.

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Ors.

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Karan Chaudhary, Advocate for the petitioners.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution seeking direction to respondent Nos.2 & 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondent No.4.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 02.08.1996 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 15.12.1991. Copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner Nos.1 & 2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

It is stated that petitioners, who are known to each other for the last six months, fell in love. Petitioner No.1 tried to convince her parents to get married with petitioner No.2 but they are not agreeing. Respondent No.4-father of petitioner No.1 wants to marry her within the community. On 01.08.2021, both of them left their houses and are now living together in live-in relationship. Parents of petitioner No.1 are unhappy with this relationship, therefore, the petitioners apprehend danger to their lives at the hands of private respondents. In this regard, the petitioners have submitted representation dated 12.07.2021 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2 seeking

protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondents.

After hearing counsel for the petitioners and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the legal status of the relationship of the petitioners the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 to look into the said representation with regard to safeguarding life and liberty of the petitioners and take necessary action as may be necessary, in accordance with law.

It is clarified that this order is limited to protection of life and liberty of the petitioners.

July 16, 2021
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(Harinder Singh Sidhu)
Judge

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