

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-6709-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 22.07.2021

MANPREET KAUR AND ANOTHER

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Kanav Bansal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioners are seeking a direction to the official respondents to protect their life and liberty as they apprehend danger from the private respondent.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners are in a live-in relationship. Petitioner No.1 is stated to be about 4 months short of 18 year while petitioner No.2 is 22 year of age. He has relied upon the judgment of the coordinate Bench of this court in **CRWP-4725-2021**, titled **Seema Kaur and another Vs. State of Punjab and others, decided on 03.06.2021** and **CRWP-5335-2021**, titled **Manpreet Singh and another Vs. State of Punjab and others, decided on 11.06.2021** wherein although petitioners were few months less than 18 year but protection has been granted to them. Learned counsel has drawn my attention to the representation sent to respondent No.2 at Annexure P-4.

Issue notice to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Amit Mehta, Senior DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3.

Heard.

In view of the above, respondent No.2-the Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur is directed to look into the representation (Annexure P-4) filed by the petitioners and take steps in accordance with law to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

However, it is clarified that this order shall not be taken to validate the relationship of the petitioners or protect them from any criminal proceedings instituted in accordance with law.

22.07.2021

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(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No