

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

CRWP No.7046 of 2021

Date of Decision:-29th July, 2021.

Sakshi Malhotra and another

.....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents.

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Lajpat Rai Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(Oral)

Both the petitioners have joined hands to prefer this petition for seeking the relief of the issuance of a direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.4 to 10 because they (petitioners) are living in relationship. It has also been mentioned in this petition that a representation (Annexure P-4) has already been moved to respondents No.2 and 3 in this regard.

Mr. S.S. Pannu, learned Deputy Advocate General, Haryana, has joined the proceedings on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 in this case in pursuance of the copies of this petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance and he apprises the Court that a criminal case

has already been registered at Police Station Shehzadpur, District Ambala, regarding the present matter at the instance of respondent No.4 Raj Kumar, i.e the father of petitioner No.1, vide FIR No.142 dated 23.07.2021 under Sections 363 and 366 IPC.

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer to the issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to look into and take appropriate action on the said representation (Annexure P-4) of petitioner No.1.

Learned State counsel has no objection for the same.

Keeping in view the intent of the fundamental right enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India which ensures the protection of life and liberty to the citizens and also the factum of the registration of the above-said FIR as well as the above-discussed limited prayer as made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the legality and validity of the relationship between the petitioners, respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Ambala, is hereby directed to look into the said representation (Annexure P-4) of petitioner No.1 only to the extent of the threat perception of the petitioners qua their lives and if it is found that the petitioners genuinely deserve the protection of their lives, then to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

It is further clarified that this order shall not amount to be a hindrance to/in the investigation of the afore-mentioned criminal case arising out of the said FIR and shall also not be construed to be a shield to the petitioners against any other action already initiated or intended/

contemplated to be initiated against them by the competent authority/
person on account of the above-discussed facts and circumstances and
permissible under the relevant provisions of law.

This petition stands disposed of accordingly.

July 29, 2021
Yag Dutt

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Note:	<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
	<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>