

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRWP-8161-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-27.8.2021

Komal Sandhu and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Balbir Kumar Saini, Advocate for the petitioners.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. Petitioner No.1-Komal Sandhu aged 22 years and petitioner No.2-Hardeep Singh aged 20 years have approached this Court seeking issuance of directions for protection of their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 8, who are relatives of petitioner No.1.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners are fond of each other and fell in love and intend to marry once petitioner No.2 attains marriageable age. It has been submitted that the said proposal is, however, not acceptable to the private respondents, who are all out to cause harm to them. It has further been submitted that infact the private respondents want to

forcibly marry petitioner No.1 to some boy of their choice and since petitioner No.1 was not interested in the said boy, she left her parental home and is presently residing in a 'live-in' relationship with petitioner No.2. It has further been submitted that although a representation dated 24.8.2021 (Annexure P-5) was submitted to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga, District Moga but to no avail.

3. Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting as regards the sanctity of alleged relationship of the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga, District Moga to look into the matter and to dispose of the representation dated 24.8.2021 (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.
4. A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 24.8.2021 (Annexure P-5) be sent to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga, District Moga so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.
5. It is, however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the alleged relationship of the petitioners and shall not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.
6. At this stage, Mr. Vivek Sharma, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondents No.4 to 8 and has submitted that respondents No.4 to 8 may be permitted to meet petitioner No.1.

7. The aforesaid request is accepted to the extent that in case petitioner No.1 is willing to meet private respondents No.4 to 8, then respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga, District Moga shall arrange for such a meeting while ensuring that no harm is caused to the petitioners.
8. The petitioners, in any case, would be well advised to remain in touch with the private respondents and to make an attempt to maintain cordial relations.

27.8.2021

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**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No