

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

Sr.No.117

CRWP No.9565 of 2021

Date of Decision: 07th October, 2021.

Jagsir Singh & Another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & Others

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Inderpreet Singh Kooner, Advocate, for the petitioners.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (ORAL)

By way of the instant petition, both the petitioners seek the indulgence of this Court for the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No. 2 & 3 to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.4 to 8 because they (petitioners) are living in-relationship. It has also been mentioned in this petition that a representation (Annexure P-3) has already been moved to respondent No.2 in this regard.

Ms. Samina Dhir, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, has appeared on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 in this case in pursuance of the copies of the instant petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance.

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer to the issuance of direction to the concerned Addressee Authority of the said representation, i.e Annexure P-3, to look into and take appropriate action on the same.

Learned State counsel has no objection for the same.

It is worth-while to mention here that as per Annexure P-2, i.e the copy of the Aadhar Card of petitioner No.2-Deepika Rani, the date of her birth is 26.10.2003 meaning thereby that she has not yet completed the age of 18 years.

Be that as it may, 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 as well as the above-discussed limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the validity and legality of the relationship between the petitioners, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur, is hereby directed to look into the said representation (Annexure P-3) of petitioner No.2, to the extent so far it pertains to the protection of the lives of the petitioners only 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 be construed to be a shield to the petitioners against any proceedings already initiated or intended/contemplated to be initiated by the competent authority/person against them on account of their said relationship and permissible under any relevant provisions of law.

This petition stands disposed of accordingly.

07.10.2021.
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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
Whether Reportable?	Yes/No