

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

Sr. No.113

CRWP No.10197 of 2021

DATE OF DECISION: 27.10.2021

Sonam and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

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

Present:- Mr. Virender Singh, 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.1 to 3 to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6 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 this petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance.

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer to the

issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to take appropriate action on the said representation of petitioner No.1, i.e. Annexure P-3.

Learned State counsel has no objection for the same.

Keeping in view the intent of the fundamental right as 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 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-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, is hereby directed to look into the afore-said representation (Annexure P-3) of petitioner No.1 and if it is found that the petitioners genuinely deserve any protection, 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 action/proceedings already initiated or intended/contemplated to be initiated against them by the competent authority/person on account of their afore-said relationship and permissible under any relevant provisions of law.

This petition stands disposed of accordingly.

October 27, 2021

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**(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes

Whether reportable:

No