

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

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CRWP-10841-2021

Date of decision : 17.11.2021.

Simranjeet Kaur and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Avtar Singh Bhatti, Advocate for the petitioners.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioners are seeking a direction to the official respondents to protect their life and liberty as they have been threatened by the private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners, who are over 18 years of age, are stated to be living together. He also contends that petitioner No.2 is unmarried while petitioner No.1 is married to respondent No.7 and they have an apprehension that the private respondents might cause physical harm to them. He has drawn my attention to the representation dated 14.11.2021 (Annexure P-3) sent by the petitioners to the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana-respondent No.2.

Issue notice to respondents No.1 to 4 only at this stage.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4.

Heard.

It would be inappropriate for this Court to comment on the nature or legitimacy of the relationship of the petitioners, who are over 18 years of age

and are stated to be living together. They are seeking protection of their life and liberty as they apprehend threat from the private respondents. Article 21 of the Constitution of India guarantees right to life and liberty.

Consequently, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to look into the representation dated 14.11.2021 (Annexure P-3) and take steps, if necessary, in accordance with law to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

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.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

November 17, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No