

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(123)

CRWP-12342-2021

Date of decision:- 31.12.2021

Kiran Bhandari and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Vikram Singh Lakhlan, Advocate for the petitioners.

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SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

Kiran Bhandari wife of Sawan Bhandari (petitioner No.1) claims to be 21 years and Amit son of Rajpal (petitioner No.2) claims to be 22 years of age. They have pleaded that they are in live-in relationship against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 7. They apprehend danger from them and seek protection of their life and liberty.

The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 28.12.2021, Annexure P-4, to respondent No.2 – Superintendent of Police, Bhiwani, District Bhiwani.

As petitioner No. 1 is married to respondent No.4-Sawan Bhandari and the marriage is subsisting, the present petition is not maintainable.

A Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, vide order dated 14.05.2019 passed in CRM-M-21763-2019, ***Dimple and another Versus State of Haryana and others***, in similar situation, had directed that in case the petitioners fear any threat to their life and liberty they may approach the Senior Superintendent of Police, who will consider their request.

Accordingly, it is directed that if the petitioners approach the police authorities, they shall independently assess the threat perception, if any, to their life and liberty and may provide the required protection.

However, it is also made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged relationship of the petitioners or entitle them for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if they are found involved in the commission of any cognizable offence. In case, the petitioners have committed any offence, the law will take its own course.

With the above said observations and directions, the present petition stands disposed of.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

31.12.2021
Kamal

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No