

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRWP No.1256 of 2022
Date of decision : 10.02.2022

Ranjeet and another

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- Mr. Amit Kashyap, Advocate, for the petitioners.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

The petitioners namely Ranjeet and Rekha have approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for seeking protection of their lives and personal liberty from private respondents No.4 & 5.

Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that the petitioners are aged 21 years and 20 years respectively and are staying together. The petitioners have appended copies of their Aadhar Card as a proof of their having attained the age of majority. The petitioners contend that they are living together on their own free will and consent. However, the private respondents are extending threat to the petitioners that they cannot be permitted to live together. Reliance is further placed on the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the

matter of '*Nanda Kumar and Another vs. State of Kerala and others passed in Criminal Appeal No. 597 of 2018 on 20.04.2018*'.

The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and claim that there is a constant danger of being implicated in a false case.

Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

Pursuant to supply of an advance copy, Mr. Ashish Yadav, Addl. A.G. Haryana has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 05.02.2022 (Annexure P-3) has also been submitted by the petitioners to the respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Panchkula.

Learned State counsel has no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is given. As such, the petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Panchkula to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-3) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against the petitioners nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking appropriate action by the police authorities in respect thereof in accordance with law.

The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above-said representation to respondent

No.2-Commissioner of Police, Panchkula. for requisite compliance.

The petition is disposed of.

10.02.2022
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned :</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>