

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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**CRWP No. 2091 of 2022
Date of Decision:9.3.2022**

Sapana Devi and another

---Petitioners

versus

State of Haryana and others

---Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Bhupender Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners

Mr. Ashish Yadav, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

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 Sapana Devi and Ravinder Kumar have approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for seeking protection of their life and personal liberty from private respondents No.4 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that the petitioners are major and are staying together. However, their relationship is not acceptable to the private respondents and as a result thereof, the private respondents are threatening the petitioners. A representation against the threat extended at the hands of the private respondents already stand submitted by the petitioners to the Superintendent of Police, Panipat

(Annexure P-3).

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

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- Superintendent of Police, Panipat 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- Superintendent of Police, Panipat for requisite compliance.

The petition is disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

9.3.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : Yes/No