

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

CRWP-3951-2022

Date of Decision: 28.04.2022

Harpeet Kaur and another

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Anupinder Brar, Advocate for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India with a prayer for grant of protection of life and liberty of the petitioners.

The learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that petitioner No.1-girl is already married with respondent No.4 but immediately after the marriage she was being illtreated and tortured for not bringing adequate dowry and she was thrown out of the house and thereafter she had sought shelter from petitioner No.2. He further submitted that petitioner No.1-girl in fact wishes to file a petition for divorce against respondent No.4 but she is unable to do so in view of the fact that there is an imminent threat to her life. He further submitted that the petitioners have given a representation (Annexure P-4) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Ludhiana in this regard but no action has been taken. He further submitted that the scope of the present petition may be confined only to the extent of grant of protection of lives of the petitioners.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos. 1 to 3 only.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents and states he has no objection in case the representation (Annexure P-4) given by the petitioners is considered and looked into by the concerned authority in accordance with law.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The learned counsel for the petitioners has confined the scope of the present petition only to the extent of protection of life of the petitioners on the basis of the grounds taken and argued by him. This Court does not wish to make any observation with regard to the inter se relationship between the petitioners or relationship between petitioner No.1 and respondent No.4 or anything with regard to the validity of marriage or live-in-relationship of the petitioners inter se but this Court is only dealing with the prayer of the petitioners pertaining to grant of protection of life to the petitioners under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

In view of the aforesaid position, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana to look into the representation (Annexure P-4) filed by the petitioners and in case it is so required, then adequate protection may be granted in accordance with law.

The needful be done within two weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of the order.

28.04.2022

rakesh

Whether speaking
Whether reportable

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)

JUDGE

: Yes/No
: Yes/No