

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

CRWP No.3852 of 2022

Date of Decision: 27.04.2022

Ranjit Singh and anr.

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Ors.

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. M.S. Rai, Advocate for the petitioners.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution seeking direction to respondent Nos.1 to 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondent Nos.4 & 5.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 11.04.1974 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 01.01.1983. Copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner Nos.1 & 2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

It is stated that petitioner No.1 was earlier married and a child was born from the wedlock but on account of temperamental differences, wife of petitioner No.1 left him and never returned back. Petitioner No.2 also previously married in 2002 and they were blessed with a child. Since petitioner No.2 was not being treated well by her husband, she left her matrimonial house and joined the company of petitioner No.1. Now, the petitioners are living together in a live- in relationship. Husband and other family members of petitioner No.2 are unhappy with this relationship, therefore, the petitioners apprehend danger to their lives at the hands of private respondents. In this regard, the petitioners have submitted representation dated 20.04.2022 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2 seeking

protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondents.

After hearing counsel for the petitioners and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the legal status of the relationship of the petitioners the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 to look into the said representation with regard to safeguarding life and liberty of the petitioners and take necessary action as may be necessary, in accordance with law.

It is clarified that this order is limited to protection of life and liberty of the petitioners. It does not and cannot confer immunity to the petitioners from any legal action at the hands of their spouses and the rights/obligations/responsibilities arising out of their subsisting marriage.

April 27, 2022
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(Harinder Singh Sidhu)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No