

Rukhsana Bano

---Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

---Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Hoshiar Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners

Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner namely Rukhsana Bano has approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for seeking protection of her and her friend's namely Rajinder Singh lives and personal liberty from private respondents No.4 and 5.

The contention of the petitioner is that she is major, aged 30 years. In support thereof, copy of the Aadhaar Card has been appended. The petitioner further contend that she joined the company of Rajinder Singh son of Prem Singh and is now residing in village Nizamdeen, Tehsil and District Ferozepur in live-in relationship. The petitioner apprehends threat to her life as well as the life of her friend namely Rajinder Singh and claims 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. Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab, has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that a representation dated 07.05.2022 (Annexure P-2) has also been submitted by the petitioners to the respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur.

Learned State counsel has no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioner and her friend, Rajinder

Singh is given.

Without expressing any opinion on merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No. 2 -Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur, to look into the grievances of the petitioner as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-2) 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 petitioner 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-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur for requisite compliance.

The petition is disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

18.05.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : Yes/No