

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

CRWP No.5506 of 2022

Date of Decision: 06.06.2022

Manpreet Singh and another

.....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Randeep Singh Smagh, Advocate for
Mr. Gurmeet Singh Saini, Advocate
for the petitioners.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(Oral)

By way of the instant petition, both the petitioners seek the indulgence of this Court for the issuance of a direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.4 and 5 because they (petitioners) are living in relationship. It has also been mentioned in this petition that a representation (Annexure P-4) has already been moved to respondent No.2 in this regard.

Mr. M.S. Nagra, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, has appeared on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 in this case in pursuance of the copies of the instant petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance.

Heard.

It is worth-while to mention here that in the vernacular version of the Aadhar Card (Annexure P-3) of petitioner No.2 Komal Dhanda, her date of birth is recorded as 29.12.2005, meaning thereby that she has not yet attained the age of 18 years.

Moreover, it has also been mentioned in Para No.5 of the present petition itself that an FIR has already been registered against petitioner No.1 at the instance of the private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer to the issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to look into and take appropriate action on the said representation (Annexure P-4) of the petitioners.

Learned State counsel has no objection for the same.

Keeping in view the intent of the fundamental right enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India which ensures the protection of life and liberty to the citizens and also the factum of the registration of the afore-said FIR as well as the above-discussed limited prayer as made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the legality and validity of the relationship between the petitioners, respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Ferozepur, is hereby directed to look into the said representation (Annexure P-4) of the petitioners only to the extent of their (petitioners') threat perception qua their lives and if it is found that the petitioners genuinely deserve the protection of their lives, then to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

It is further clarified that this order shall not amount to be a hindrance to/in the investigation in respect of/connection with the aforementioned FIR and shall also not be construed to be a shield to the petitioners against any other action/proceeding already initiated or intended/contemplated to be initiated against them by any competent authority/person on account of their said relationship and permissible under the relevant provisions of law.

This petition stands disposed of accordingly.

June 06, 2022
Yag Dutt

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes*

Whether Reportable: *No*