

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

SR. No.125

CRWP-7571-2022

Date of Decision:08.08.2022

SALMA AND ANOTHER

...PETITIONERS

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. K.S. Brar, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

Petitioner No.1 (woman) is of the age of 27 years, whereas petitioner No.2(man) is aged about 31 years. It is averred that the petitioners are residing in live-in relationship with each other with their free consent and will and without any pressure. Apprehending threat to their life and liberty, they have filed the present petition for protection.

Petitioners claim to have submitted a representation (Annexure P-4) dated 01.08.2022 in this regard to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka and Station House Officer, Police Station City-I, Abohar, District Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that petitioner No.1 (woman) was married with one Jagan Khan, who use to beat and abuse her. Due to that reason, petitioner No.1 left her matrimonial home and started living with petitioner No.2 in a live-in relationship. It is further submitted that son of petitioner No.1 and Jagan Khan is residing with his father. Learned counsel has also submitted that customary divorce has already been taken vide Annexure P-3 by petitioner No.1 and Jagan Khan.

He submitted that since the private respondents are threatening the petitioners to face dire consequences, therefore, necessary protection to their life be provided.

Heard. Record perused.

Notice of motion to the office of Advocate General, Punjab.

On asking of the Court, Mr. R.S. Thind, DAG, Punjab, present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State. Copy supplied.

The petitioners have placed on record the copy of Aadhar Cards (Annexure P-1 and P-2) as proof of their age.

This Court does not wish to make any observations with regard to the validity of inter se relationship between the petitioners. However, since both the petitioners are stated to be residing in a live-in relationship, the scope of the present petition pertains only to protection of their lives.

This petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3-SHO, Police Station City-I, Abohar, District Fazilka that representation, if any, filed seeking protection of life and liberty, be got looked into and contents thereof be duly verified and if necessary, requisite steps be taken, strictly in accordance with law for grant of protection of life and liberty to the petitioners.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

08.08.2022
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES / NO

Whether Reportable: YES / NO