

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

CRWP-593-2023 (O&M)

Date of Decision: January 20, 2023

Rajeshwari and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Vishnu Dutt, Advocate for the petitioners.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

By way of filing this petition, the petitioners seek necessary protection of their lives and personal liberty in view of the fact that they are in a live-in relationship and are under eminent threats at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 8. Petitioner No.1 – Rajeshwari is aged about 18 years 5 month, whereas, petitioner No. 2 –Bharat is aged about 20 years 06 months, who is not of marriageable age, as per law.

In the context of threat perception at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 8, petitioners have allegedly moved representation dated 17.01.2023, (Annexure P-3) to Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, (respondent No. 2), wherein, all the apprehensions to their lives have been expressed.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Anmol Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 3 (State).

Since petitioners have not contracted any marriage and seek

only protection *qua* their lives and personal liberty, and for the same already representation dated 17.01.2023 (Annexure P-3) is pending, it would be appropriate to direct respondent No. 2 to have a fair look to the said representation, on the grievance of the petitioners in order to ascertain veracity of allegations made by them.

Respondent No. 2 would be at liberty to devise his/her own mechanism to ascertain the truth. He/she would also be at liberty to join the petitioners or any other person acquainted with facts in issue. If innocence of the petitioners is established, respondent No. 2 shall proceed to take appropriate action in order to protect their lives and personal liberty from being invaded by private respondents No. 4 to 8.

This order is passed at this stage without meaning anything on the status of the petitioners on the basis of live-in relationship. Respondent No. 2 would pass necessary order without being influenced by any statement of fact recorded here-in-above.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

January 20, 2023

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**

Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**