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

CRWP-704-2023

Date of Decision: 24.01.2023

Veera and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Sumit S.Bairagi, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant petition is for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3 to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners, who have not solemnized marriage so far but are living in a live-in relationship and are under eminent threats at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6.

The date of birth of petitioner No.1 (Veera) is 06.09.1996 and that of petitioner No.2 (Jinder) is 01.01.1997.

In the context of threat perceptions at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6, petitioner No.1 has allegedly moved a representation dated 20.01.2023 (Annexure P-3) before the Station House Officer, Police Station Kanjpura, District Karnal (respondent No.3), wherein apprehension to the lives of petitioners has been expressed, however it is stated that no action has been taken with regard to the said representation.

Notice of motion only to official respondents No.1 to 3 is being

issued, at this stage.

At the asking of Court, Mr. Amrik Narwal, DAG, Haryana, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3/State, pursuant to the advance copy of paper book having already been supplied to him by learned counsel for the petitioners

Given the nature of order being passed, there is no necessity to seek any response by official respondents No.1 to 3 or even to serve private respondents No.4 to 6.

Having heard learned counsel for the petitioners, as also learned State counsel, I am of the considered view that every citizen is entitled to protection/enforcement of fundamental rights as envisaged under Constitution of India. It is the bounden duty of State to protect the life & liberty of every citizen as enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Right to human life is to be treated on much higher pedestal, regardless of a citizen being minor or major.

The petitioners state that they are living in a live-in relationship in constant danger as they have every apprehension that private respondents No.4 to 6 will catch them and carry out their threats and may even go to the extent of eliminating them. The petitioners are, therefore, unable to find any safe place to live in the absence of protection of their life and liberty, hence the present writ petition seeking appropriate directions to official respondents No.1 to 3 to provide protection qua their life and liberty.

Since the petitioners have not contracted any marriage and seek only protection qua their lives and personal liberties, therefore, it would be appropriate to direct respondent No.2 - Superintendent of Police, Karnal to verify the contents of present petition and/or representation, particularly the threat perception of the petitioners, and thereafter provide necessary

protection qua their lives and liberty, if deemed fit. Respondent No.2 - Senior Superintendent of Police, Karnal would pass necessary order without being influenced by any statement of fact recorded hereinabove.

It is clarified that this order shall neither be treated as a stamp of this Court qua the status of parties on the basis of live-in relationship nor any reflection on the merits of contentions raised by them in the present petition.

The present petition is accordingly disposed of.

24.01.2023

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
2. Whether reportable : Yes/No