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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANIDGARH

CRWP No.919 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 01.02.2023

Lalita and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURBIR SINGH

Present: Mr. Rampal Kaushik, Advocate
for the petitioners.

GURBIR SINGH, J (ORAL)

The petitioners have approached this Court for issuance of necessary directions to respondents No. 2 & 3 for protecting their life and liberty which according to them is at stake because they are in a live-in relationship. Both the petitioners claims themselves to be major. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the private respondents are extending threats to the petitioners that they cannot live together.

The learned counsel for the petitioners has also submitted that a marriage is not a must for providing security to a couple in a 'live-in relationship' because protection *qua* life and liberty is sacrosanct and stands at the highest pedestal. He has also placed reliance upon orders passed by the co-ordinate Bench of this Court in '*Sarabjeet Kaur and another versus State of Punjab and others*' in CRWP-102-2022 decided on 07.01.2022 and '*Goutam Kumar and another versus State of Punjab and others*' in

CRWP-8088-2021 decided on 26.08.2021.

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3.

Mr. Karan Sharma, DAG, Haryana, appears and accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents No.1 to 3. Since no order prejudicial to the interest of the parties is being passed, therefore, there is no necessity of inviting any response.

At this stage, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, as well as on the age and nature of the relationship between the petitioner No.1 and petitioner No.2, I deem it appropriate to direct respondent No. 2-Superintendent of Police, Rohtak to look into the matter and pass an appropriate order in the representation allegedly filed by the petitioners before him on 28.01.2023 (Annexure P-3). It would be appreciated if necessary orders are passed within one month from the date of receipt of copy of this order. Till then, protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

However, if the petitioners is found to have been involved in any other case then this order shall not preclude the competent authority from taking lawful action against the petitioner.

Disposed of.

01.02.2023

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(GURBIR SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No