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

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Date of decision: 22.02.2023

Manpreet Kaur and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Rhythem Bajaj, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

Instant criminal writ petition has been filed by the petitioners under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that after the death of earlier husband, petitioner No.1 – Manpreet Kaur came in contact with petitioner No.2 – Krishan. They developed intimacy, fell in love with each other and started residing in live-in-relationship. He further submits that out of the first marriage, petitioner No.1 has two children.

In para 5 of the petition it has been pleaded as under: -

“5. That in the present case both the petitioners are residing separately as per their sweet will and consent. Now petitioner No.2 is ready and willing to keep the minor children of petitioner No.1 with him and both the petitioners alongwith minor are residing together. But there is serious threat to their life and liberty as the private respondents are adamant to

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harass the petitioners and are not allowing them to live peacefully.”

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that let this petition be disposed of with direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka to consider and decide the representation dated 13.02.2023 (Annexure P-3) alleged to have been submitted by the petitioners seeking protection of their life and liberty.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter and in particular the legality of the alleged relationship, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka to forthwith consider the aforesaid representation dated 13.02.2023 (Annexure P-3) made on behalf of the petitioners and thereafter, take appropriate action on the same as is deemed fit in accordance with law to ensure the protection of life and liberty of the petitioners.

It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged relationship between the petitioners or protect them from legal action for violation, if any, committed by them.

22.02.2023
R.S.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No