

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

**CRWP-3582-2023
Date of decision: 17.04.2023**

Manjeet Kaur and another

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. HPS Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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SANJIV BERRY, J.

This is a petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directions to respondents No. 1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 6.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both petitioners are major and are living happily together. Both the petitioners have also appended their Birth Certificates (Annexure P-2 and P-4) and Aadhar Cards with regard to the age proof (Annexures P-1 and P-3).

3. He further submits that both petitioners are apprehending threats to their lives at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 6 as the parents of petitioner No.1-Manjeet Kaur, wanted to get her married to some other person. He further submits that the petitioners have also moved a representation dated 07.04.2023 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Moga. But no action has been taken till date.

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4. Notice of motion.
5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Shubham Kaushik, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondents.
6. Without commenting on the inter se relationship of the parties, the petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Moga, to consider the representation dated 07.04.2023 (Annexure P-5) keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and if so warranted, take action, to ensure protection to the life and liberty of the petitioners, strictly in accordance with law.
7. This order is not to be construed as any opinion with regard to the age of the petitioners or factum or validity of their relationship in any civil or criminal proceedings nor the petitioners would be entitled for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if otherwise, found to be involved in commission of any cognizable offence(s).

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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- i) Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes/No
- ii) Whether reportable? Yes/No