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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

204 **CRWP-5530-2022**
DATE OF DECISION: 28.07.2023

MANISHA AND ORS. ... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS ... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Ms. Usha Rani, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Gurmeet Singh, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners are seeking protection of their life and liberty and to take action against the private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the private respondents are threatening the petitioners. Petitioner No.1 had lodged an FIR against respondent No.4 but no further action has been taken thereon and the petitioners have also sent a representation to respondent No.2 in this regard.

Learned State counsel, while referring to the reply, submits that on the complaint of petitioner No.1, FIR has been registered against respondent No.4 and the matter is under investigation. The samples have been sent for forensic examination but the report is awaited. He also submits that earlier a report had been lodged by father of petitioner No.1 that she is missing. She was later recovered and her statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C. was recorded before the Magistrate on 24.04.2022 wherein she had stated that she was living with respondent No.4 as per her wish and without any coercion

or pressure. Later, she had made another statement before the Magistrate on 12.05.2022 that she had been forcibly taken away by respondent No.4. Learned State counsel, while referring to the reply, submits that respondent No.4 would be less than 18 years of age at the time of commission of the offence.

Heard. It is apparent that on the statement of petitioner No.1, FIR has already been registered against respondent No.4. The matter is under investigation and the report is awaited. It would not be appropriate for this court to comment upon the matter at this stage. The petitioners have pleaded that there is a threat to them from the private respondents. Therefore, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to look into the representation and take steps, if necessary to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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