

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

CRWP-5481-2023

Date of decision: 02.06.2023

Kamalpreet Kaur and another

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. Shadab Ahmad, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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SANJIV BERRY, J.

1. This is a petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for directions to respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 8.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both petitioners (petitioner No. 1-Kamalpreet Kaur is 18 years of age and petitioner No. 2-Jaspreet Singh is 19 years of age) are living together. Petitioners have also appended their Aadhar Cards with regard to the age proof (Annexures P-1 and P-2).

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that family members of petitioner No. 1 are not happy with their relationship and the petitioners are apprehending threats to their lives at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 8 and in this regard they have already moved a representation dated 25.05.2023 (Annexure P-4) before respondent No .2-

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4. In support of his contentions, learned counsel for the petitioners refers to the judgment of this Court passed in CRWP-6314-2021 titled as ‘*Pushpa Devi and another vs. State of Punjab and others*’.

5. Notice of motion.

6. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Shubham Kaushik, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondents.

7. Without commenting on the validity of the inter se relationship of the parties, the petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, District Patiala, Punjab, to consider the representation dated 25.05.2023 (Annexure P-4) 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.

8. 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 |