

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(246)

CRWP-6453-2023

Date of Decision: 06.12.2023

NANU KAUR AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present:- Mr. Balwant Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Jashandeep Singh, AAG, Punjab.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed for issuance of directions to the official respondent Nos.2 and 3 to take action for protecting the life and liberty of the petitioners who are now living with each other.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioner No.1 was married to respondent No.4-Jagseer Singh on 04.06.2017, who was more than 12 years elder to her, against whom the petitioner No.1 has also instituted a petition under Section 13 for seeking divorce on 13.01.2022. During pendency of the said petition, the petitioners here-in are living in a live-in relationship and as per petitioner No.1, who is present in Court stated that respondent No.9-Deep Singh threatened them to face dire consequences.

3. In light of the above, without commenting on the relationship status of the petitioners, the petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondent Nos.2 and 3 to take into consideration the request of the petitioners made vide representation dated 15.06.2023 (Annexures P-4 and P-5) and take appropriate action, in accordance with law.

4. This petition is being considered only for the purpose of protection of life and liberty of the petitioners and the filing, pendency or the

orders passed by this Court in this petition shall neither be construed as any stamp of the Court *qua* the relationship/marriage of the petitioners nor shall be relied upon by any authority in any proceedings initiated against them under any other provision of law.

5. This order shall not operate as an *alibi* or defence to any proceedings which might be pending or may arise against the petitioners. Although, the State is duty bound to protect its citizens and only with the said motive, the present order/directions have been passed.

6. It is made clear to the petitioners that, in case, any averment made in this petition or in the representation dated 15.06.2023 (Annexures P-4 and P-5) is found to be incorrect, the State authorities are directed to take appropriate action, in accordance with law.

December 06, 2023
Mohit Bishnoi

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No