

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

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2023:PHHC:113834

CRWP-8533-2023

Date of decision: August 31st, 2023

Pardeep Kumari and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Akash Sheoran, Advocate
for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to respondents No.2 to 3, to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 9 (family members of the petitioners), who are averse to their live-in relationship.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners have been in a live-in relationship for almost a year and they are continuously being threatened with dire consequences by the private respondents, hence, there is a genuine apprehension of their life being in peril. A representation dated 16.08.2023 (Annexure P-3) was also made to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Sri Mukatsar Sahib, for protection of their life and liberty but in vain. Learned counsel submits that he would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, to look into their representation (Annexure P-3) and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

3. Notice of motion to official respondents only.
4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Inderpal Singh Sabharwal, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.
5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, to look into the representation dated 16.08.2023 (Annexure P-3) qua the alleged threat perception and take necessary steps, as may be required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. However, this direction will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

August 31st, 2023
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No