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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-8545-2023
Date of decision: 31.08.2023

MUKESH AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Rohit Choudhary, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 and 5 and their other relatives.

2. Petitioner No.1 (girl) is of the age of 31 years, whereas petitioner No.2 (boy) is aged 30 years. The marriage of petitioner No.1 was solemnized with respondent No.5 and out of the said wedlock, one male child was born, who is in the custody of petitioner No.1. Due to matrimonial dispute between the petitioner and respondent No.5, petitioner No.1 parted her ways from respondent No.5 and in this regard, divorce proceedings are going on. Whereas, petitioner No.2 is also a married man and father of three children and his wife has already expired. As petitioner No.1 has not got divorce from respondent No.5 as divorce proceedings are already going on, both the petitioners are residing in live-in-relationship. It is averred that family of petitioner No.1 is

opposing to the said relationship and therefore, the petitioners are apprehending threat to their lives and liberty at the hands of private respondents No.4 and 5.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that scope of the present petition pertains only to the protection of lives of the petitioners. He has submitted that the petitioners have submitted a representation dated 22.08.2023 (Annexure P-3) to the Superintendent of Police, Jind but no action has been taken on the same.

4. Heard. Record perused.

5. Notice of motion to respondents No.1, 2 and 3 only.

6. Mr. Naveen Kumar Sheoran, DAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents. Copy stands supplied.

7. This Court does not wish to make any observations with regard to the validity of *inter se* relationship between the petitioners. However, since both the petitioners are stated to be residing in live-in relationship, the scope of present petition pertains only to protection of their lives.

8. The present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2—the Superintendent of Police, Jind that representation dated 22.08.2023 (Annexure P-3) filed seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioners, be looked into and contents thereof be duly verified and if necessary, requisite steps be taken, strictly in accordance with law for ensuring the protection of life of the petitioners.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

31.08.2023
Chetan Thakur

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