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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-8847-2023
Date of decision: 11.09.2023

MUSKAN SAINI AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Bhupeshwar Jaswal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner No.1 (girl) is of the age of 20 years, whereas petitioner No.2 (boy) is aged 20 years. It is averred that the family members of petitioner No.1 want her to marry against her wish with the boy of their choice forcibly whereas petitioners like each other and want to marry each other. It is further averred that due to aforesaid reason, at present the petitioners are residing in live-in-relationship as petitioner No.2 has not attained the marriageable age as per law. It is also averred that family of petitioner No.1 is opposing the relationship and therefore, the petitioners are apprehending threat to their lives and liberty at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 9.

2. 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 further submitted that the petitioners have submitted a representation dated

01.09.2023 (Annexure P-4) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur but no action has been taken on the same.

3. Heard. Record perused.

4. Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1, 2 and 3 only.

5. Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, Senior DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents. Copy stands supplied.

6. 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.

7. The present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur that representation dated 01.09.2023 (Annexure P-4) filed by the petitioners seeking protection of their life and liberty, 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.

11.09.2023
Chetan Thakur

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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