

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-8976-2023

Date of Decision: 13.09.2023

Krishna Rani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present:- Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Advocate, for
Mr. Kuldip Singh, Advocate, for the petitioners.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

1. This is a petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioners, who claim themselves to be major.

2. It is pleaded that that the petitioners are known to each other for last about one year. It is averred that petitioner No.1 after leaving her parents' home has joined the company of petitioner No.2, who is yet not of marriageable age. The decision of the petitioners is not to the liking of the private respondents and they have been threatened to dire consequences. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 04.09.2023 (Annexure P-3) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka-respondent No.2, but to no avail.

3. Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 only at this stage.

4. Mr. Digvijay Nagpal, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3-State and waives service.
5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
6. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or commenting thereon, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka-respondent No.2, to consider the aforesaid representation dated 04.09.2023 (Annexure P-3) made by the petitioners and in case there is any threat perception to them from the side of private respondents, to act in accordance with law and if need be, to provide them interim protection.
7. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged relationship or protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

September 13, 2023
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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

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