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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-9582-2023
Date of decision: 27.09.2023

SAPNA RANI AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- None.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. Lawyers are abstaining from work today.
2. Since the prayer made in the present petition is for protecting the life and liberty of the petitioners, this Court deems it fit and proper to dispose of the present petition on the basis of pleadings made in the petition.
3. Petitioner No.1 (girl) is of the age of 20 years, whereas petitioner No.2 (boy) is aged 19 years. It is averred in the petition 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 respondent No.4. It is also

averred that petitioners have submitted a representation dated 21.09.2023 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, District Fatehabad, Haryana but no action has been taken on the same.

4. Record perused.

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

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-Superintendent of Police, District Fatehabad, Haryana that representation dated 21.09.2023 (Annexure P-3) 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.

27.09.2023
Chetan Thakur

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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