

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-9685-2023

Date of Decision: 29.09.2023

Kiranjeet Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present:- Mr. Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal 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 petitioner No.1 was married to respondent No.7 in the year 2005 and they had taken divorce from each other on 07.03.2018. No child was born out of the said wedlock. Thereafter, petitioner No.1 was leading her life as a single person and in the year 2022, she came in contact with petitioner No.2. Petitioner No.2 is married to respondent No.4 and out the said wedlock, one daughter was born, who is stated to be 11 years of age. It is further pleaded that petitioners have started living together in relationship and the same is not to the liking of the private respondents. It is also pleaded that on 21.09.2023, respondent Nos.3 to 6 manhandled the petitioners and threatened them with dire consequences.

Petitioners have submitted representation dated 25.09.2023 (Annexure P-3),

seeking protection, to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Mansa-respondent No.2, but to no avail.

[3] In the above circumstances, seeking protection of their life and liberty, petitioners have approached this Court by way of the present petition.

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

[5] Mr. Gurdarshan Singh Sidhu, APP, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State and waives service.

[6] Heard learned counsel for the parties.

[7] Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter or commenting thereon and in particular the legality of alleged relationship, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Mansa-respondent No.2, to consider the aforesaid representation dated 25.09.2023 (Annexure P-3) and in case there is any threat perception to the petitioners from the side of private respondents, to act in accordance with law and if need be, to provide them interim protection.

[6] It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged relationship between the petitioners or protect them from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

September 29, 2023
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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

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