

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRWP No.9713 of 2023

Date of decision: 10th October, 2023

Manpreet Singh & another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Nitin Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Digvijay Nagpal, Asst. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus seeking directions to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

2. Petitioners are apprehending threats at the hands of private respondents, who are mother and a close relative respectively of petitioner No.2. Learned counsel submits that ever since the petitioners have entered into a live-in relationship against the wishes of the private respondents, they are being continuously threatened with dire consequences. It has been further submitted that representation (Annexure P-3) dated 26.09.2023 was also made to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Kapurthala, however, it had proved to be in vain.

3. In compliance of the order dated 03.10.2023, learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Alamjeet Singh, has submitted that no such case of abduction/kidnapping of petitioner No.2 stands registered against petitioner No.1.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

5. In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Kapurthala to look into the representation (Annexure P-3) dated 26.09.2023 and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. However, this direction will not validate the relationship of the petitioners and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

October 10, 2023
rps

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