

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

CRWP No.10399 of 2023
Date of decision: 20th October, 2023

Maney @ Mani & others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Ms. Bhupinder K. Bhangu, Advocate for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 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, respondent No.4 being her husband and respondent No.5 her sister-in-law. Learned counsel submits that ever since the petitioners No.1 and 2 have entered into a live in relationship against the wishes of the private respondents, they and their family members are being continuously threatened with dire consequences. It has been further submitted that representation (Annexure P-7) dated 16.10.2023 was also made to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Tarn Taran, however, it had proved to be in vain.

3. Notice of motion to the official respondents.

4. At the asking of Court, Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the said respondents.

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 Tarn Taran to look into the representation (Annexure P-7) dated 16.10.2023 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 alleged relationship of the petitioners No.1 and 2 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 20, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No