

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No. 244

CRWP-10539-2023

Date of Decision-07.11.2023

Keshav Bansal and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present:- Mr. Krishan Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Vikas Bhardwaj, AAG, Haryana.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The learned counsel for the petitioners contends that both the petitioners are major and are living in live-in-relationship as they have decided to solemnize the marriage against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 to 6 and thus, the present criminal writ petition has been filed for protection of their life and liberty. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 20.10.2023 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No. 2 but no action has been taken so far.

2. Today Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent Nos.4 to 6 and has submitted that the family members of petitioner No.1 have already made their statements before the concerned police officer that they would not cause any harm to the petitioners on account of their relationship.

3. Without commenting on the relationship of the petitioners and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on file, I dispose of this petition with direction to

respondent No. 2 to decide the representation dated 20.10.2023 (Annexure P-3) within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and grant them protection, if there is any threat to their life and liberty. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any committed by them.

07.11.2023

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**(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE**

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