

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

CRWP-11586-2022

Date of Decision:11.05.2023

Heera Singh and Anr.

...Petitioners

vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Munish Gulati, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

The petitioners have filed the present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India with a prayer to direct respondents No.2 and 3 to take action on the representation dated 07.12.2022 (Annexure-P3) for protection of their lives and liberty, as they apprehend imminent threat at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners were having a love affair and wanted to marry with each other. Ultimately, both the petitioners decided to live in a live-in-relationship and respondents No.4 to 6 were opposing the same. After sometime, the respondents No.4 to 6 started extending threats to them and the petitioners had submitted a representation dated 07.12.2022 (Annexure-P3) to respondent No.2 for the protection of their lives and liberty, however, no action has been taken by the police against respondents No.4 to 6.

A short reply dated 17.02.2023 by way of an affidavit of Assistant Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana (South) has been filed on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Learned State counsel submits that both the petitioners had appeared before the Enquiry Officer and had got their statements recorded on 29.01.2023, where both of them had stated that they did not apprehend any threat to their lives and liberty at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6. The Enquiry Officer also separately recorded the statements of respondents No.4 to 6 and they denied that they had extended any threat to the petitioners and they further made a statement that they would not meddle/interfere in the lives of the petitioners.

Learned State counsel further submits that the police is duty bound to protect the lives and liberty of the petitioners and all appropriate steps shall be taken in case, any application is moved in this regard and if the genuine threat to the lives and liberty is found.

In view of the above, no further directions are required and the petition is accordingly disposed off.

11.05.2023
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JUDGE

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