

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

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2023:PHHC:141697

CRWP-10703-2023

Date of decision: November 7th, 2023

Sonia Rani and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Grijinder Singh Thind, Advocate
for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to respondents No.2 and 3, to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent No.4 (wife of petitioner No.2), who is averse to their live-in relationship.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners have been in a live-in relationship since 20.10.2023 and they are continuously being threatened with dire consequences by the private respondent. Hence, there is a genuine apprehension of the life of the petitioners being in peril. Resultantly, a representation dated 23.10.2023 (Annexure P-4) was also made to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, for protection of their life and liberty but in vain. Learned counsel submits that he would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, to look into their representation (Annexure P-4) and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

3. Notice of motion to official respondents only.
4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.
5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, to look into the representation dated 23.10.2023 (Annexure P-4) qua the alleged threat perception and take necessary steps, as may be 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 have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

November 7th, 2023
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No