

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-11713-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 05.12.2023

Pramjit Kaur and another
Versus
State of Punjab and others
...Petitioners
...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. Rohit Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate for the petitioners.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

1. Through this petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners namely Pramjit Kaur and Buta Singh have approached this Court seeking protection of life and liberty at the hands of private respondent Nos.4 to 8.
2. It is contended on behalf of learned counsel for the petitioners that both the petitioners are major and previously married. They are now staying together for the last about 03 months. Petitioner No.1 was married to one Rajpal whereas petitioner No.2 is married to respondent No.4. Their relationship is not acceptable to the private respondents and as a result thereof, they apprehend threat to their life and liberty at the hands of private respondent Nos.4 to 8.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that representation dated 23.11.2023 (Annexure P-4) has also been submitted by the petitioners to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka but to no avail.
4. The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and claim that there is a constant danger of being implicated in a false case.

5. Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.
6. Mr. G.S. Sidhu, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent Nos.1 to 3 and waives service.
7. Learned State counsel pleads no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is given.
8. Accordingly, without commenting on the merits of the case and considering the rights of an adult to elect a place of his/her choice to stay, the petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-4) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances. This order shall not be taken to validate the alleged relationship.
9. However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against the petitioners nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking appropriate action by the police authorities in respect thereof in accordance with law.
10. Disposed of.

December 05, 2023
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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes / No
Whether Reportable :	Yes / No