

119 2023:PHHC:158702
IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-11955-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 12.12.2023

Sumina and another

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Ms. Shivani, Advocate for
Mr. Vishal Mittal, Advocate, for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

Petitioner No.1 (girl) is of the age of 19 years whereas petitioner No.2 (boy) is aged 18 years. It is averred that the family members of petitioner No.1 want petitioner No.1 to marry against her wish with the boy of their choice forcibly whereas petitioners like each other and want to marry each other. It is further averred that due to aforesaid reason at present the petitioners are residing in live-in-relationship as petitioner No.2 has not attained the marriageable age as per law. It is also averred that family of petitioner No.1 is opposed to the relationship and, therefore, the petitioners are apprehending threat to their lives and liberty at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that scope of the present petition pertains only to the protection of lives of the

petitioners. He has submitted that the petitioners have submitted a representation (Annexure P-3) dated 06.12.2023, to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Rural Jalandhar, District Jalandhar but no action has been taken on the same.

Heard. Record perused.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1, 2 and 3 only.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, learned Senior DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents. Copy stands supplied.

This Court does not wish to make any observations with regard to the validity of inter se relationship between the petitioners. However, since both the petitioners are stated to be residing in live-in relationship, the scope of present petition pertains only to protection of their lives.

This petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – the Senior Superintendent of Police, Rural Jalandhar, District Jalandhar that representation (Annexure P-3) filed seeking protection of life and liberty, be looked into and contents thereof be duly verified and if necessary, requisite steps be taken, strictly in accordance with law for ensuring the protection of life of the petitioners.

12.12.2023

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)**JUDGE**

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