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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-12037-2023
Date of decision: 14.12.2023

AMRITPAL SINGH AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Ritesh K. Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6 and their other relatives.

2. Petitioner No.1 (boy) is of the age of 25 years, whereas petitioner No.2 (girl) is aged 19 years. It is averred that the family members of petitioner No.2 want petitioner No.2 to marry the boy of their choice forcibly against her wish, 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 a live-in-relationship. It is also averred that family of petitioner No.2 is opposing to their relationship and therefore, the petitioners are apprehending threat to their lives and liberty at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6.

3. 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 dated 11.12.2023 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur but no action has been taken on the same.

- 4. Heard. Record perused.
- 5. Notice of motion to respondents No.1, 2 and 3 only.
- 6. Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, Senior DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents. Copy stands supplied.
- 7. 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 a live-in relationship, the scope of present petition pertains only to protection of their lives.
- 8. The present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur that representation dated 11.12.2023 (Annexure P-3) filed seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioners, 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.

14.12.2023
Chetan Thakur

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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