

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-12375-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 22.12.2023

Sikha and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. Pradeep Chhoker, Advocate for the petitioners.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

1. Through this petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners namely Sikha and Badal have approached this Court seeking protection of life and personal liberty at the hands of private respondent Nos.4 to 6.

2. The contention of the petitioners is that both are major and intend to marry on attaining the marriageable age. 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 6.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that representation dated 19.12.2023 (Annexure P-3) has also been submitted by the petitioners to respondent No.2- Superintendent of Police, Panipat 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. Ms. Ambika Sood, Addl. A.G. Haryana, 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 – Superintendent of Police, Panipat to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-3) 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 22, 2023

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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes / No

Whether Reportable :

Yes / No