

147 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-12473-2023

Date of decision: 22.12.2023

DIVYA AND ANOTHER

...PETITIONERS

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Nishant Sehgal, Advocate for
Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (ORAL)

The learned counsel for the petitioners contend that the petitioners are residing in live-in relationship with each other against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 6 and petitioner No. 1 claims herself to be 20 years of age whereas petitioner No. 2 claims himself to be 19 years of age and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondent Nos. 4 to 6. The petitioners have also submitted a representation (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2 and 3 but no action has been taken so far.

2. Notice of motion to official respondents only.

3. Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court accepts notice for the official respondents. Counsel for the petitioners is directed to supply a copy of complete paper book to the counsel appearing for the State during the course of the day.

4. Without commenting on the validity of the relationship of the petitioners and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of

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the documents placed on file, I dispose of this petition with direction to respondent No.2 and 3 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-3) within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and grant them protection, if there is any threat to their life and liberty in accordance with law. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any committed by them.

December 22, 2023
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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |