

276 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-805-2024

Date of Decision: 13.02.2024

Charanjeet Singh and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. S.K.Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3, to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who apprehend threat to their life at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6, who are stated to be family members of petitioner No.2.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Charanjeet Singh, aged 18 years and petitioner No.2 Khushi Manhas, aged 18 years, have been in a live-in-relationship, against the wishes of family members of petitioner No.2, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 6. Ever since then, the petitioners are being threatened with dire consequences by the private respondents. Resultantly, a representation dated 24.01.2024 (Annexure P-3) was also made to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, for protection of their life and liberty but in vain. Hence, they are seeking

protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Balkar Singh, has submitted that petitioner No.2 is a major and no case of abduction/kidnapping has been lodged against petitioner No.1.

4. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, to look into the representation dated 24.01.2024 (Annexure P-3) *qua* the alleged threat perception and take necessary steps, as may be required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. However, this direction will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No