

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.3542 of 2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 24th April, 2024

Shalu Kumari & another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Shiv K. Rana & Mr. Baljeet S. Rahi,
Advocates for the petitioners.

Ms. Jasleen Chahal, Asst. Advocate General, Haryana
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus seeking directions to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

2. Learned counsel inter alia contends that the petitioners are apprehending threats at the hands of private respondents, who are father and close relations of petitioner No.1. He submits that ever since the petitioners have entered into a live-in relationship against the wishes of the private respondents, they are being continuously threatened with dire consequences. It has been further submitted that representation (Annexure P-3) dated 15.04.2024 was also made to respondent No.2 –

Superintendent of Police, District Ambala, however, it had proved to be in vain.

3. On the last date of hearing, State had been directed to verify as to whether any criminal case pertaining to the abduction/ kidnapping of petitioner No.1 stood registered against the petitioner No.2. She, on instructions, has replied in the negative.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

5. In the facts and circumstances as enumerated hereinabove, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Superintendent of Police, District Ambala to look into the representation (Annexure P-3) dated 15.04.2024 and take necessary steps, if any 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 not validate the relationship between the parties and 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

April 24, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No