



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRWP No.6475 of 2024

Date of decision: 11th July, 2024

Dharam Singh & another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Lakhwinder S. Lakhanpal, Advocate for the petitioners.

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 have been in a live in relationship since 29.06.2024 but the private respondents, who are father, mother and brother of petitioner No.2 respectively, have not accepted their relationship and have been extending threats of dire consequences. Learned counsel has drawn the attention of this Court to Annexure P-3, which is a representation dated 04.07.2024 sent through e-mail to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga in the said regard. It has been contended by learned counsel for the petitioners that despite the aforesaid representation having been sent to the authorities concerned, the petitioners continue to face threats to their life and liberty, as no steps have been initiated by the official respondents to come to their rescue.



3. On a pointed query put to the learned counsel as to whether any criminal case stands registered against petitioner No.1 with respect to kidnapping/abduction of petitioner No.2, who is admittedly a minor aged 17 years and 1 month, he has categorically replied in the negative.

4. Notice of motion to the official respondents.

5. At the asking of Court, Mr. Navdeep Singh, Dy. Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the said respondents.

6. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Kanwaljeet Singh, does not dispute the submissions made by the counsel opposite that as on date no criminal case stands registered against petitioner No.1 regarding abduction/kidnapping of petitioner No.2.

7. In the facts and circumstances as enumerated hereinabove, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Moga to look into the representation (Annexure P-3) dated 04.07.2024 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

July 11, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No