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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 18.07.2024

ANPREET KAUR AND ANR

.....*Petitioners**Versus*

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

....*Respondents*

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURBIR SINGH.

Present: Mr. Gursevak Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

GURBIR SINGH, J.(ORAL)

The petitioners seek a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent Nos.1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty at the hands of respondent Nos.4 and 5, with a further prayer to take appropriate legal action on representation dated 12.07.2024 (Annexure P-3).

It is stated that both the petitioners are major by age. The date of birth of petitioner No. 1 is 04.09.2003 and date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 01.03.2002. The copy of Aadhar Cards of both the petitioners are annexed as Annexure P-1 and P-2.

Petitioner No.1 is married and petitioner No. 2 is unmarried. They have planned to get married after petitioner No.1 attains the divorce decree so they have decided to live together in live-in-relationship and due to regular threats the petitioners are running here and there.

Respondent Nos.4 and 5 are against the relationship of petitioners and harassing the petitioners and threatened the petitioners to face the dire consequences.

The learned counsel for the petitioners has also submitted that a marriage is not a must for providing security to a couple in a 'live-in relationship' because

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protection *qua* life and liberty is sacrosanct and stands at the highest pedestal. He has also placed reliance upon orders passed by the co-ordinate Bench of this Court in '*Sarabjeet Kaur and another versus State of Punjab and others*' in CRWP-102-2022 decided on 07.01.2022 and '*Goutam Kumar and another versus State of Punjab and others*' in CRWP-8088-2021 decided on 26.08.2021.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents No.1 to 3. Since no order prejudicial to the interest of the parties is being passed, therefore, there is no necessity of inviting any response.

At this stage, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, as well as on the age and nature of the relationship between the petitioner No.1 and petitioner No.2, I deem it appropriate to direct respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur, District Sangrur to look into the matter and pass an appropriate order in the representation allegedly filed by the petitioners before him on 12.07.2024. It would be appreciated if necessary orders are passed within one month from the date of receipt of copy of this order. Till then, protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

However, if the petitioners is found to have been involved in any other case then this order shall not preclude the competent authority from taking lawful action against the petitioners.

Disposed of.

18.07.2024*renu***(GURBIR SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No