



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

CRWP-7146-2024

Date of Decision: 26.07.2024

Rahul and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURBIR SINGH

Present: Petitioners are present in person.

GURBIR SINGH, J. (ORAL)

The Bar Association has resolved to observe “No Work Day” today i.e. on 26.07.2024 in solidarity with the DBA, Chandigarh.

1. By way of present petition, the petitioners are seeking a direction to respondents Nos.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 and 5 and not to interfere in their personal lives.

2. It is stated that date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 18.08.2003 and date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 25.12.2005. The Aadhar cards of petitioner No.1 and 2 are attached as Annexure P-1 and P-2, respectively.

3. The petitioner No.1 is not of marriageable age. So unable to perform marriage with each other the petitioners have decided to live together in live-in-relationship and due to regular threats the petitioners are running here and there.

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

5. It has also been submitted that a marriage is not a must for providing security to a couple in a 'live-in relationship' because protection qua life and liberty is sacrosanct and stands at the highest pedestal. Reliance has been placed 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.

6. 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- Superintendent of Police, Karnal to look into the matter and pass an appropriate order in the representation allegedly filed by the petitioners before him on 24.07.2024. 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.

7. 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.

8. Disposed of.

26.07.2024

Parveen kumar

**(GURBIR SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned :Yes/No
Whether reportable :Yes/No