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

CRWP-7684-2024

Date of Decision: 09.08.2024

Manjinder Kaur and Another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J. (oral)

Petitioners Manjinder Kaur and Arshdeep Singh have filed present criminal writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing official respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of petitioners who are living together in a live-in relationship, from the hands of respondents No.4 to 11.

2. It is argued that both petitioners are major. Petitioner No.1 is 18 years old, copy of her Mark Sheet is Annexure P-1. Petitioner No. 2 is also 20 years old, copy of his Aadhaar Card is Annexure P-2. They are in live-in relationship. Petitioners also moved representation to Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur and Station House Officer, Police Station Lakho Ke Behram, District Ferozepur, which is Annexure P-3. Petitioners are receiving threats from private respondents No. 4 to 11.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of this Court, Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab accepts notice on behalf of State. Complete copy of paperbook along with supporting documents is already supplied.

5. Considering nature of litigation, no purpose would be served by serving notice to private respondents.

6. I have considered facts narrated in petition, according to which both petitioners are major and are in live-in relationship against the wishes of their family, as a result they are apprehending threats from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 11. It is duty of police to protect life and liberty of petitioners. Therefore, respondents No. 2 & 3 are directed to consider representation of petitioners dated 05.08.2024 (Annexure P-3) and protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 11 considering threat perception, with further direction to maintain their privacy and dignity.

7. Aforesaid protection order will have no bearing on the legality of their relationship and it will not protect them in case there is any violation of law or pending legal proceedings.

8. Petition is accordingly disposed of.

9. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

09.08.2024

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(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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