



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

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**CRWP-8419-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 31.08.2024**

RITIKA AND ANR

....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Supinder singh Sohi, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of direction to respondents no.2 & 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 6 and take action on their representation dated 27.08.2024 (Annexure P-3).

2. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioners that they are major. They fell in love with each other. The parents and relatives of the petitioner no.1 are against the relationship of the petitioners. Even parents of petitioner no.1 were planning to forcefully marry her to a boy of their choice. So, the petitioners eloped and are living with each other. Private respondents are continuously chasing and threatening the petitioners to eliminate them. Apprehending danger to their lives and liberty, they sent representation dated 27.08.2024 to the respondent No.2-Senior

Superintendent of Police, Mini Secretariate, Patiala, Punjab but the same has not been taken into consideration and hence, the present petition.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, at this stage. The petitioners' counsel is directed to supply the copy of the petition to her.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned State counsel and without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also with regard to the sanctity of relationship or age of the petitioners, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Mini Secretariat, Patiala, Punjab to look into the matter and dispose of the representation dated 27.08.2024 (Annexure P-3) in accordance with law and also to take necessary step, if any, genuine threat to life and liberty of the petitioners is found.

6. A copy of this order along with copy of representation dated 27.08.2024 (Annexure P-3) be sent to respondent No.2, so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.

7. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

31.08.2024
Deepak Patwal

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
2. Whether reportable : Yes/No