



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP No.9065 of 2024
Date of decision: 18.09.2024

KHUSHBU AND ANOTHER Petitioners
Versus
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. A.S. Samra, A.A.G., Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the official respondents No.2 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos. 4 to 8 and take action on their representation dated 13.09.2024 (Annexure P-3).

2. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioners that they are major. They are good friends and have good understanding with each other. Their parents are against their relationship and threats have even been extended to petitioner No.1 by her parents and relatives to kill her. She has left her house and has started living with the petitioner No.1. Apprehending danger to their lives and liberty, they gave representation dated 13.09.2024 to the respondent No.2 but the same has not been taken into consideration and hence, the present petition. He has placed reliance upon the judgments passed by this Court in CRWP-7908-2023 titled as *Kanti and another vs. State of Haryana and others*, CRWP-4725-2021 titled as *Seema and another vs. State of Punjab and others* and CRWP-8348-2021 titled as *Anmol Kaur and*



another vs. State of Punjab and others, whereby, protection has been granted to the couple in case of same gender.

3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. A.S. Samra, A.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 him.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned State counsel. Without going into the question of legality of their relationship as well as 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-The Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to look into the matter and dispose of the representation dated 13.09.2024 (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 13.09.2024 (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.

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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No.

Whether reportable : Yes/No