

**CRWP-9523-2024****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

(128)

CRWP-9523-2024**Date of Decision: 01.10.2024**

Lata Devi & another

--Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL.

Present:- Ms. Jyoti Rani, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Siddharth Attri, AAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL.J (Oral)

1. Petitioner No.1-Lata Devi aged about 34 years, though stated to be divorced but upon a query made by this Court, it was clarified by learned counsel the said divorce was granted by the Panchayat and apparently not by a decree of divorce by a Court of Law. Petitioner No.2 -Sujit Kumar aged about 18 years and not is of marriageable age. However, both of whom are in a 'live-in' relationship and have approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of private respondents No.4 and 5 i.e. the mother and brother of petitioner no.1, who do not approve of their 'live-in' relationship.

2. Without commenting anything as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition or as regards the validity of alleged marriage or age of the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, District S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

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to look into the matter and to dispose off the representation dated 25.9.2024 (Annexure P-3) in accordance with law. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

3. A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 25.9.2024 (Annexure P-3) be sent to respondent No.2 -Superintendent of Police, District S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.

4. It is, however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the alleged relationship or age of the petitioners and shall not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

18.09.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No