



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-10102-2024(O&M)
Date of Decision: 21.10.2024

POONAM AND ANR
STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

VERSUS

....Petitioners
....Respondents

CORAM : HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Gurmej S. Bhinder, Advocate for
Mr. S.K. Choudhary, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the official respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos. 4 to 6 and take action on their representation dated 12.10.2024 (Annexure P-3).

2. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioners that the petitioner no.2 is married and working as a driver and is earning about Rs.15000/- per month with respondent no.4 and having two children namely Gurmeet Singh (son) and Harmak Singh (son) who are in custody of respondent no.4. Petitioners no.1 and 2 are living in a live-in-relationship since September 2024. When respondent no.4 came to know that petitioner no.2 had developed a liking for petitioner no.1 and both of them intended to live together there upon a false complaint had been registered by him against them as well as threats were extended to them by respondents no. 4 to 6.

Apprehending danger to their lives and liberty, they sent representation dated



12.10.2024 to the respondent No.2 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 without going into the legality of their relationship 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, Patiala, Punjab to look into the matter and dispose of the representation dated 12.10.2024 (Annexure P-3) within 15 days 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 12.10.2024 (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.

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

21.10.2024
Deepak Patwal

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