



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-10835-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 12.11.2024

SUNITA AND ANOTHER

....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Karandeep Singh, 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 an appropriate Writ, order or directions to official respondents, especially in the nature of Mandamus to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from private respondents and take action on their representation dated 04.11.2024 (Annexure P-3).

2. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioners that petitioner no.1 is major and 29 years of age and petitioner no.2 is unmarried and the marriage of the petitioner no.1 was solemnized about 9 years ago with respondent no.4-Nand Ram and out of this wedlock, three children were born. The matrimonial family members of petitioner no.1 are very greedy type of person. They often taunted her because of less and inferior quality dowry were given to them. Husband of petitioner no.1 is also addicted to drinking liquor and takes intoxicant tablets and often he beats the petitioner no.1. Petitioner no.1 and petitioner no.2 knows each from last 3 years and are good friends. They are in love. Their parents are against their relationship and threats have even been extended to petitioner No.1 by her parents. She has left her house



and has started living-in-relationship with the petitioner No.2. Apprehending danger to their lives and liberty, they sent representation dated 05.11.2024 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 question of 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 Fazilka, Punjab to look into the matter and dispose of the representation dated 04.11.2024 (Annexure P-3) within a period of 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 04.11.2024 (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

12.11.2024
Deepak Patwal

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