



114

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

CRWP-11200-2024

Date of Decision:- 21.11.2024

BHUMIKA AND ANR

....Petitioners

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

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

Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioners Bhumika and Rahul have filed present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing official respondents No. 1 to 5 to protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 6 to 10.
2. It is submitted that both petitioners are major. As per Aadhaar Card of petitioner No. 1, Annexure P-1, her date of birth is 13.10.2005. On the other hand, as per Aadhaar Card of petitioner No. 2, Annexure P-3, his date of birth is 25.12.2004. Petitioners are in live-in relationship and they both decided to live together. However, they are apprehending threats to their life and liberty from the hands of respondents No. 6 to 10.
3. Notice of motion to official respondents only.
4. On asking of this Court, Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab accepts notice on behalf of official respondents. Complete copy of paperbook along with supporting documents is already supplied.

5. Considering nature of litigation, no purpose would be served by serving notice to private respondents.

6. I have considered facts narrated in petition, according to which both petitioners are major and are in live-in relationship against the wishes of family of petitioner No. 1, as a result they are apprehending threats from the hands of respondents No. 6 to 10. However, it appears to be typographical error that there is reference of respondents No. 6 to 9. Infact, private respondents are Nos. 6 to 10 and they are also referred in representation given to SSP, Pathankot and SSP, Gurdaspur. It is duty of police to protect life of petitioners. Therefore, respondents No. 2 to 5 are directed to consider representation of petitioners dated 18.11.2024 (Annexure P-4) and protect life of petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 6 to 10, considering threat perception.

7. Aforesaid protection order will have no bearing on the legality of their relationship and it will not protect them in case there is any violation of law or pending legal proceedings.

8. Petition is accordingly disposed of.

9. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

21.11.2024

lalit

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No