



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.11587 of 2024
Date of Decision: 16.12.2024

Priyanka & another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Mohit Kakkar, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

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MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (ORAL)

By way of the instant petition, both the petitioners have sought the indulgence of this Court for the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the official respondents (respondents No.1 to 3) to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of the private respondents (respondents No.4 to 13) because they (petitioners) have been living in relationship since 14.11.2024, against the wishes of the said private respondents. It has also been mentioned in this petition that a representation (Annexure P-3) has already been moved to respondents No.2 & 3 in this regard.

2. Mr. Gaurav Bansal, learned Deputy Advocate General, Haryana, has appeared on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 in this case in pursuance of the copies of the present petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance.

3. Heard.



4. Learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer to the issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to look into and take appropriate action on the said representation (Annexure P-3) of the petitioners, only to the extent of their prayer for the protection of their lives and liberty.

5. Learned State counsel has no objection for the same.

6. Keeping in view the intent of the fundamental right as enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India which ensures the protection of life and liberty to the citizens as well as the above-discussed limited prayer as made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the legality and validity of the relationship between the petitioners, respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Sirsa, is hereby directed to look into the afore-said representation (Annexure P-3) of the petitioners so far as it pertains to their prayer for the protection of their lives and liberty only and if it is found that the petitioners genuinely deserve any protection, then to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

7. However, it is clarified that this order shall not be construed to be a shield to the petitioners against any civil or criminal action/proceedings already initiated or intended/contemplated to be initiated against them by any competent authority/person on account of their above-said relationship and permissible under the relevant provisions of law.

8. The petition in hand stands disposed of accordingly.

December 16, 2024
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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether Reportable: No