



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-11850-2024(O&M)
Date of Decision: 09.12.2024

RAHI AND ANRPetitioners
VERSUS
STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORSRespondents

CORAM : HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Jaskamal Singh Grewal, 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 for issuance of a writ especially in the nature of Mandamus directing the official respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents and take action on their representation dated 04.12.2024 (Annexure P-5).
2. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioners that they are major. They are in love and decided to live with each other. Both the petitioners have disclosed about their relationship to their family. The parents of petitioner no.2 strongly opposed to their relationship. Despite repeated requests by the petitioners, the parents of petitioner no.2 refused to accept their relationship. Even private respondents had tried to solemnize the marriage of petitioner no.2 with some other person and when she opposed, they threatened to kill her. Thereafter, petitioner no.2 joined the company of petitioner no.1. Apprehending danger to their lives and liberty, they sent

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representation dated 04.12.2024 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, District Fatehgarh Sahib to look into the matter and dispose of the representation dated 04.12.2024 (Annexure P-5) 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 04.12.2024 (Annexure P-5) 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

09.12.2024

Deepak Patwal

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