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2025:PHHC:034348



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-W-319-2025 IN/AND
CRWP-1823-2025(O&M)
Date of Decision: 11.03.2025

RITIKA RANI AND ANR

....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Navdeep Singh, Advocate and
Ms. Kiranjot Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

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The instant application has been filed by the applicant/petitioner for granting permission to place on record amended memo of parties by submitting that due to some typographical error, the age of the petitioner no.1 was mentioned as 'aged about 18 years' but she is above 18 years old.

For the reasons stated in the application, the same is allowed, subject to all just exceptions. Amended memo of parties has been placed on record and be tagged at the appropriate place.

Main Case

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.2 & 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 17.02.2025 (Annexure P-3).

2. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioners that They are in love. Their parents are against their relationship and threats have even been extended to petitioner No.1. Due to which, she decided to leave her parents home and decided to reside with petitioner no.2 in live-in-relationship. Apprehending danger to their lives and liberty, they sent representation dated 17.02.2025 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 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 Hoshiarpur, Punjab to look into the matter and dispose of the representation dated 17.02.2025 (Annexure P-3) in accordance with law 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 17.02.2025 (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.

11.03.2025
Deepak Patwal

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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| 1. | <i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |
| 2. | <i>Whether reportable</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |