



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-2948-2025(O&M)
Date of Decision: 25.03.2025

KUMARI MINAKSHI AND ANR

....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Rakesh Kumar Chauhan, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

CRM-W-401-2025

The application is allowed as prayed for.

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.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondent Nos. 4 to 9 and take action on their representation dated 23.03.2025 (Annexure P-3).

2. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioners that they are major. They are in love. Their parents are against their relationship and threats have even been extended to petitioner No.1 by her parents. Their parents want to marry her with their own choice of boy against her wishes. But she wants to marry with her choice of boy after getting the age of maturity. Petitioner no.2 is doing a private job and earning 12000 per month. She requested to their parents several times for this relationship but they are not ready to listen her. Due to which she has left her house and has started living with the petitioner No.2 in live-in-relationship. Apprehending danger to their lives and liberty, they sent representation dated



23.03.2025 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 without going into the question of validity 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-The Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to look into the matter and dispose of the representation dated 23.03.2025 (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 23.03.2025 (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.

25.03.2025
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> |