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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 03.05.2025

Radhika and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Balwinder Singh Chahal, Advocate
for the petitioners
(through video conferencing)

Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana.
(appeared on advance notice)

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. By filing present petition, under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioners seek necessary protection of their lives and personal liberty in view of the fact that **they are living in a live-in relationship** and are under eminent threats at the hands of respondent Nos. 4 to 7.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both the petitioners are major and living in a live-in relationship against the wishes of their family members, who are threatening and interfering in the life of the petitioners. Hence, the petitioners are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition. They have also submitted a representation dated 03.04.2025 (Annexure P-3), to respondent No.2 – Superintendent of Police, Ambala, wherein, they have expressed their apprehension.

3. On 04.04.2025, following order was passed:



“ Present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus to respondents No. 2 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 7.

Petitioner No.1-Radhika aged about 18 years, resident of Ranakot, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand, let respondents-State verify, if there is any criminal case registered against petitioner No.1

List on 23.04.2025.”

4. Learned State Counsel has filed status report wherein it is stated that Petitioner No. 1, Radhika, is a resident of Ranakot, Tehsil Garhwal, Uttarakhand. A missing person report regarding her was lodged at the instance of her father namely , Jagbir Singh, at Police Station Nehru Colony, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, under Missing Person Registration No. 0015/2025 (GD No. 64). It is further mentioned in the status report that Radhika had voluntarily left her home on 02.04.2025 without informing anyone, following which the missing person report was registered.

Thereafter, on coming to know about her live-in relationship with one Suraj (Petitioner No. 2), the father raised no objection. However, he has stated that in the event she encounters any problems in the future, she shall be solely responsible for the same.

5. Taking note of the pleadings in the petition and the status report filed, this Court dispose of the present petition with a direction to respondent No.2 – Superintendent of Police, Ambala, to look into the representation dated 03.04.2025 (Annexure P-3), *qua* threat perception, and if there is any substance in it, take necessary steps, in accordance with law, to ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners are not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents.

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6. However, this direction will not validate the live-in status between the petitioners and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

7. It is also clarified that, in the event the petitioners either appear voluntarily before Respondent No. 2 or are summoned to the Police Station, the statement of Petitioner No. 1 shall be recorded in a fair and lawful manner, ensuring that it is made voluntarily, without any pressure, coercion, or undue influence, and is based on her free will.

03.05.2025
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**