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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-24292-2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 14.07.2017

Gagandeep Singh and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HONBLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Abhijeet P.S. Chaudhary, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA J. (ORAL)

CRM-21430-2017

Application is allowed as prayed for.

Annexures P-3 & P-4 are taken on record.

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Both the petitioners are present in person and identified by their counsel. They seek protection of their life and liberty by contending that both of them having attained the age of majority, are living together in a live-in-relationship against the wishes of their respective family members respondent Nos.4 to 9, and so seek appropriate protection from the authorities. They submitted representations (Annexures P-1 & P-2) in this regard to the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana as well as to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur on 10.07.2017 respectively, but are still apprehensive about their security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of their family members-respondents.

Both of them do appear to have crossed the age of majority as

seen from the copies of documents being Birth Certificate of petitioner No.1 and Matriculation Certificate of petitioner No.2.

3. For the aforesaid reasons, this appears to be a fit case for this Court to invoke the inherent powers under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. and in view of the mandate contained in Article 21 of the Constitution of India to protect the citizen's right to life and liberty.

4. Thus the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana as well as the Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur are directed to consider the representations dated 10.07.2017 (Annexures P-1 & P-2, respectively) and take appropriate steps to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners.

5. It is, however, observed that the petitioners would not be entitled to any protection against their arrest of continuance of any criminal proceedings, if otherwise, found to be involved in punishable cognizable offence.

6. The petition is disposed off.

(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

14.07.2017
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1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
2. Whether reportable: No