

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

CRM-M No.2742 of 2018

Date of Decision : 22.01.2018

Pooja and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Chandigarh and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present : Mr. Amninder Preet, Advocate
for the petitioners.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

Both the petitioners are present in person and identified by their counsel. They seek protection of their life and liberty by contending that petitioner No.1 is major however petitioner No.2 is yet to attain the age of majority, are living together in a live-in-relationship against the wishes of their respective family members respondent Nos.4 to 7, and so seek appropriate protection from the authorities. They submitted a representation (Annexure P-3) in this regard to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh on 18th January, 2018, but are still apprehensive about their security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of their family members-respondents.

2. Both of them in support of their age, have placed on record copies of their respective Aadhar Cards (Annexure P-1 and P-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 Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh is directed to consider the representation dated 18th January, 2018 (Annexure P-1) 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 with the above direction.

January 22, 2018

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(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No