

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

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CRWP-2787-2020.

Date of Decision: 18.03.2020.

Gurbachan Singh and another

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Pardeep Singh Mirpur, Advocate for petitioners.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

This is a petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ or direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners as they are having “live in relationship” against the wishes of respondents No.4 and 5.

Both the petitioners are present in the Court and are identified by their counsel.

Petitioners have sought protection of their life and liberty, *inter alia*, taking the plea that they are living in live-in relationship against the wishes of private respondents and now they are apprehending danger to their life and liberty from private respondents.

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

At the asking of Court, Mr. Harbir Sandhu, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Complete copy of paperbook has been supplied to him.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners and perusal of record, respondents No.2 and 3—Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda and Station House Officer, Police Station Sadar, District Bathinda, are directed to consider representation dated 08.03.2020 (Annexure P/1) and issue necessary orders, as warranted by law, so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

However, it is also made clear that this order shall not be taken to entitle the petitioners for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if they are found involved in the commission of any cognizable offence. In case, the petitioners had committed any offence, the law will take its own course.

With the above said observations made and directions issued, the present petition stands disposed of.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No