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

CRWP-2830-2020

Date of Decision: 18.03.2020

Priyanka and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Gaurav Gupta, 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 both are living together in a live-in-relationship against the wishes of their respective family members respondent Nos.4 and 5, and so seek appropriate protection from the authorities. They submitted a representation (Annexure P-3) in this regard to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala on 14.03.2020, but are still apprehensive about their security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of their family members-respondents.

2. Petitioner No.1 has crossed the age of majority as seen from her Aadhar Card but Petitioner No.2 is below 21 years as per his date of birth in Aadhar Card.

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, Patiala is directed to consider the representation dated 14.03.2020 (Annexure P-3) 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 or 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.

(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

18.03.2020

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1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

2. Whether reportable: No