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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.3685 of 2020

Date of Decision: 12.06.2020

Satnam Singh and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Ms. Rachna Jain, 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 of them having attained the age of majority, are living together in a live-in-relationship against the wishes of the family member-respondent No.4, and so seek appropriate protection from the authorities. They submitted a representation (Annexure P-3) in this regard to the Superintendent of Police, District Patiala on 09.06.2020, but are still apprehensive about their security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of the family member-respondent.

2. Both of them do appear to have crossed the age of majority as seen from the copies of documents being Aadhar Card of petitioner No.1 and Affidavit of petitioner No.2, being Annexures P-1 and P-2, respectively.

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 Superintendent of Police, District Patiala is directed to consider the representation dated 09.06.2020 (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.

12.06.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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