

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

**CRWP No.6004 of 2020
Date of decision: 17.08.2020**

Manpreet Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Ritu Bahri, J.

This petition under Section 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of direction to respondent Nos. 2 & 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners and further to ensure that they may not be harassed by respondent Nos. 4 to 8.

Learned counsel submits that the petitioners are major. Respondent Nos. 4 to 8 are threatening petitioner No. 1 for developing live-in-relationship with petitioner No. 2, as they are against the live-in-relationship. Petitioners are well known to each other since 04 years and wanted to live-in-relationship and spend their life together. Learned counsel for the petitioners is relying upon judgment of Hon'ble the Supreme Court of India in a case of ***Joseph Shine vs. Union of India, 2018 (2) RCR (Civil) 899*** wherein Hon'ble the Supreme Court has held that even if boy and girl are not competent to enter into wedlock, they have right to live together even outside wedlock. It would not be out of place to mention that 'live-in-relationship' is now recognized by the Legislature itself which has

found its place under the provisions of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

Issue notice of motion

On asking of the Court, Mr. Sandeep Vermani, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State

Keeping in view the above judgment, this petition is being disposed of by giving liberty to the petitioners to approach respondent No.2, for protection, as per the instructions dated 10.08.2010 issued by the Home Department, Punjab, who will look into their representation dated 01.08.2020 (P-3).

17.08.2020
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(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No