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

CRWP-8390-2020**Date of Decision: 14.10.2020**

JYOTI RANI AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU.*******

Present: Mr. Digvijay Nagpal, Advocate for petitioners.

**********MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.**

Present criminal writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India has been filed by the petitioners praying for protection to their life and liberty, as they have claimed themselves to be in live-in relationship against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 11.

2. Notice of motion.

3. Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 and requisite copies of the petition have already been supplied to the State by the learned counsel for the petitioners.

4. Paper-book reveals that petitioners have claimed themselves to be in live-in relationship. The documents annexed by the petitioners with the petition including their Aadhar Cards (P-1 and P-2) show that both are major and duly identified by their counsel, but apprehending danger to their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 to 11.

5. Therefore, the present petition is disposed off, with a direction to respondent No.3 – S.H.O. Police Station Sadar Bathinda, District Bathinda to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, as per law.

6. However, it is made clear that this order may not be construed as expression of an opinion on legality and validity of the live-in relationship of petitioners.

7. In case any criminal case is registered or to be registered against petitioner No.2, this order shall not be any hindrance for the Investigating Officer to proceed according to law.

14 October, 2020
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No