

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

Sr. No.110

CRWP-8489-2020

Date of decision:- 16.10.2020

Reena Devi and another

..Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. M.K. Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed for protection of lives and liberty of the petitioners. It is averred that petitioner No.1 left her house because, her husband, namely, Shavinder Singh (respondent No.6), who is a drunk, harasses, and ill-treats her. She started living with petitioner No.2. However, they fear for their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondents.

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

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice and waives service.

Considering the nature of the order being passed, there is no necessity to serve the private respondents or to seek a reply from any one of the respondents.

A live-in-relationship is not socially accepted, especially, in the rural areas in Punjab and Haryana. However, the same is not illegal as no law prohibits, persons who have crossed the age of discretion from living together. Thus, the private respondents cannot be permitted to act like

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vigilantes. Accordingly, respondent No.2 is directed to consider the

representation dated 14.10.2020 (Annexure P-3) in an objective manner and in case, the situation so demands, protection may be granted to the petitioners.

This order shall, however, not be deemed to be a restraint on initiation of any proceedings, in accordance with law.

16.10.2020

Ramandeep Singh

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No