

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

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CRWP-8839-2020

Date of Decision: 18.11.2020.

Prabhjot Kaur and another

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Navraj Singh Mahal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr.P.S.Walia, AAG Punjab
for respondents No.1 to 3-State.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing.

This is a petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of directions to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of petitioners and not to harass the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 and 5.

Petitioners have sought protection of their life and liberty, *inter alia*, taking the plea that they are in live-in relationship against the wishes of private respondents and now they are apprehending danger to their life and liberty from private respondents.

In compliance of order dated 28.10.2020 passed by this Court, learned State counsel on instructions from the Investigating Officer submits that no criminal case has been registered against the petitioners till date.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners and perusal of record, respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Kapurthala, is directed to consider the representation dated 20.10.2020 (Annexure P/3) and issue necessary orders, as warranted by law, so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

However, it is also made clear that this order shall not be taken to entitle the petitioners for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if they are found involved in the commission of any cognizable offence. In case, the petitioners had committed any offence, the law will take its own course.

With the above said observations made and directions issued, the present petition stands disposed of.

November 18, 2020
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(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No
Whether Reportable : Yes/ No