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

CRWP-9406-2020

Date of Decision: 12.11.2020

Jashanpreet Kaur and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Vikram Preet Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

Both the petitioners are present in person through Video Conferencing and identified by their counsel. They seek protection of their life and liberty by contending that both are living together in a live-in-relationship against the wishes of their respective family members respondent Nos.4 and 5, and so seek appropriate protection from the authorities. They submitted a representation (Annexure P-3) in this regard to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Rupnagar on 30.10.2020, but are still apprehensive about their security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of their family members-respondents.

2. Both of them do appear to have crossed the age of majority as seen from the copies of documents being Affidavit of Petitioner No.1 and Aadhar Card of petitioner No.2 (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 Senior Superintendent of Police, Rupnagar is directed to consider the representation dated 30.10.2020 (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 of 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.

12.11.2020

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(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

2. Whether reportable: No