

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

(Through Video Conferencing)

CRWP No. 3374 of 2021

Date of Decision: 08.04.2021

LOVEPREET KAUR AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioners

V/s.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.

Present: Mr. Sarbjeet Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to the official respondents to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners, who have been living in a live-in-relationship for the past four years.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that since the petitioners are in a live-in-relationship, the private respondents have been averse to their relationship and have been subjecting them to merciless beatings.

Learned counsel for the petitioners while inviting the attention of this Court to representation dated 31.03.2021 (Annexure P-3) sent to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala alongwith its receipt, submits that despite representation having been made, the concerned authorities have failed to take appropriate action on the same and hence, the petitioners continue to face serious threat to their life and liberty.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala, Punjab to look into the representation dated 31.03.2021 (Annexure P-3) *qua* threat perception, if any, and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. However, this direction will not validate the alleged live-in-relationship between the petitioners and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

April 8, 2021

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**[MANJARI NEHRU KAUL]
JUDGE**

Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes / No

Whether Reportable : Yes / No