

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

CRWP-3752-2021

Date of Decision: 20.04.2021

Chandani & another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Advocate,
 for the petitioners.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

Both the petitioners seek protection of their life and liberty by contending that both of them having attained the age of majority, are living together in a live-in-relationship against the wishes of their respective family members respondent Nos.4 to 10, and so seek appropriate protection from the authorities. They submitted a representation (Annexure P-3) in this regard to the Superintendent of Police, Faridkot on 09.04.2021 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 Aadhar Cards of petitioner No.1 and petitioner No.2.

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.

consider the representation dated 09.04.2021 (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.

20.04.2021

Jitesh (JTS)

(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
2. Whether reportable: No