

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

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CRWP-3977-2021

Date of Decision: 28.04.2021

Poonam Pal and another

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Prashant Vashisth, Advocate for petitioners.

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 a writ especially in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect life and liberty of petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6.

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 respondents No.4 to 6.

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

At the asking of Court, Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to

3. Complete copy of paper book has been supplied to him.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners and perusal of record, respondent No.2 – Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, is directed to consider the representation dated 18.04.2021 (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 respondents No.4 to 6.

However, it is also made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged live-in relationship of the petitioners or entitle them 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.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

28.04.2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No