

114

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

**CRWP-10975-2021
Date of Decision: 22.11.2021**

Poonam Rani

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Satbir Singh Gill, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The present petitioner seeks protection of her life and liberty by contending that she has attained the age of majority and is in a live-in-relationship with Manich Kumar against the wishes of her respective family members respondent Nos.4 & 5, and so seeks appropriate protection from the authorities. She submitted a representation (Annexure P-5) in this regard to the Superintendent of Police, Sirsa on 15.11.2021, but is still apprehensive about her security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of her family members-respondents.

2. She has crossed the age of majority as seen from the copy of document being her Aadhar Card (Annexure P-1).

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 Superintendent of Police, Sirsa is directed to consider the representation dated 15.11.2021 (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate steps to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioner.

5. It is, however, observed that the petitioner would not be entitled to any protection against her arrest or 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.

22.11.2021

Bhumika

**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

2. Whether reportable: No