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

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**CRWP-10980-2020  
Date of Decision: 18.01.2021**

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Lovepreet Kaur and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA**

Present: Mr. Lajpat Sharma, Advocate,  
for the petitioners.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Additional A.G. Punjab  
for respondents No.1 to 3.

Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Advocate  
for respondents No.4 to 10.

**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 to 10, and so seek appropriate protection from the authorities. They submitted a representation (Annexure P-3) in this regard to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala on 28.12.2020, but are still apprehensive about their security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of their family members-respondents.

2. Learned counsel for both sides are *ad idem* that talks between petitioner No.1 and respondent No.4 have been held telephonically.

While learned counsel for the respondents No.4 to 10 submits

that his clients do not have any objection to the proposed marriage between the petitioners, but considering the underage of petitioner No.2, they want their daughter (petitioner No.1) to come back to her parental house.

4. Learned counsel for petitioner No.1, however, on instructions, submits that his client- Lovepreet Kaur has already attained the age of majority and is not agreeable to go to her parental house.

5. In these circumstances, this Court cannot compel an adult who by her own submission is in a live-in-relationship with another adult, to live at any place which is not of her own choice.

6. Consequently, the petition is disposed off with a direction upon respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala to examine the representation of the petitioners dated 28.12.2020 (Annexure P-3) and to thereafter take appropriate steps as warranted, in accordance with law, to ensure that life and liberty of the petitioners is not compromised in any manner.

**18.01.2021**

*D. Gulati*

**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)  
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

2. Whether reportable: No