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

CRWP-24-2022

Date of Decision: 06.01.2022

SALIM AND ANOTHER

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Ravi Malik, Advocate, for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

The instant criminal writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India read with Section 482 Cr.P.C. for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 7.

The petitioners claim themselves to be major. They have pleaded that they are in live-in relationship and respondents No.4 to 7 are against that relationship and thus apprehend danger from them. It is contended that petitioner No.2 was previously married to respondent No.4, who is a drunkard and abusive and on account of his abusive behaviour, she left the company of respondent No.4 and is now residing with her own free will with petitioner No.1. For their grievance, petitioner No.2 has also submitted a representation dated 01.01.2022 (Annexure P-3) to the

Superintendent of Police, Mewat, District Mewat i.e. respondent No.2, but no action has been taken so far.

Notice of motion to the official respondents only at this stage.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Kuldeep Tiwari, Additional Advocate General, Haryana, has put in appearance through the medium of video conferencing and accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

Let adequate copies of the paper book be supplied to him during the course of day.

Without commenting on the validity of the alleged live-in relationship of the petitioners and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of this petition with directions to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Mewat, District Mewat to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-3) within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived.

It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

06.01.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No