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

CRWP-1343-2022

Date of Decision: 14.02.2022

SUNIL KUMAR AND ANOTHER

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Ms. Prabhjot Kaur, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

This is a petition that has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of directions to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 7.

It is submitted that petitioner No.1, aged 34 years, was married 10 years ago and from the said marriage, he has two children. However, his wife left the matrimonial home in the year, 2014 and never came back. The children are with petitioner No.1. A petition for divorce has also been filed by petitioner No.1 at the District Courts, Fazilka, which is pending. Petitioner No.2, who is 18 years of age, is living with petitioner No.1 and is also taking care of him and his children. However, the family members of petitioner No.2 i.e. private respondents No.4 to 7 are against that relationship. The petitioners apprehend danger from them and seek

protection to their life and liberty. In this regard, petitioner No.1 has also submitted a representation dated 07.02.2022 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2, but no action has been taken so far.

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

At this stage, Mr. A.S.Gill, Senior DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, 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 to decide the representation submitted by petitioner No.1 (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

14.02.2022

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