

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

CRWP-5511-2022

Date of Decision: 09.6.2022

Ripika and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Maninder Singh Bajwa, Advocate, for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners by providing security and for not harassing the petitioners on any false criminal complaint, if lodged by respondents No.5 to 14.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 is major and petitioner No.2 is minor and for being major she is short by only four months and are living together against the wishes of respondents No.5 to 14 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 and 5. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 28.05.2022 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran.

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 4- State only.

On asking of this Court, Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, Assistant

Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran to decide the representation of the petitioners, Annexure P-3 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 any legal action for violation of law if any committed by them. This order would not be understood having expressed any opinion whatsoever by this Court on the validity of their live-in-relationship of the petitioners.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

09.6.2022
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No