

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

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CRWP-6987-2022

Date of Decision : **July 22, 2022**

MEHAK AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present : Mr. Sunny K.Singla, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI. J. (Oral)

Petitioner No.1 (girl) is of the age of 19 years whereas petitioner No.2(boy) is aged 19 years. It is averred that the petitioners are residing in live-in relationship with each other with their free consent and will and without any pressure. Apprehending threat to their life and liberty, they have filed the present petition for protection.

Petitioners claim to have submitted a representation (Annexure P-5) dated 18.7.2022 in this regard to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Malerkotla.

Heard. Record perused.

Notice of motion to the office of Advocate General, Punjab.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG, Punjab present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State. Copy supplied.

The petitioners have placed on record copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner Nos.1 and 2 (Annexures P-3 and P-4) as proof of their age.

This Court does not wish to make any observations with regard to the validity of inter se relationship between the petitioners. However, since both the petitioners are stated to be residing in live-in relationship, the scope of the present petition pertains only to protection of their lives.

This petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3-SHO, Police Station City-II, Malerkotla, District Malerkotla, that representation, if any, filed seeking protection of life and liberty, be got looked into and contents thereof be duly verified and if necessary, requisite steps be taken, strictly in accordance with law for grant of protection of life and liberty to the petitioners.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

July 22, 2022

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