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

CRWP-7219-2022

Date of Decision: 28.07.2022

Anita Devi and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Ranjodh Singh Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner No.1 (woman) is of the age of 31 years whereas petitioner No.2 (man) is aged 39 years. It is averred that petitioner No.1 is already married but she is not residing with her husband in view of the fact that she is being ill-treated and beaten up with cruelty by her husband and she has a minor son, who is also residing with her and petitioner No.2 is also married but his wife has already died. It is further averred that due to aforesaid reason at present the petitioners are residing in live-in-relationship. It is also averred that family of petitioner No.1 is opposed to the relationship and therefore, the petitioners are apprehending threat to their lives and liberty at the hands of private respondents Nos.4 and 9.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that scope of the present petition pertains only to the protection of lives of the petitioners. He has submitted that the petitioners have submitted a representation (Annexure P-5) dated 23.07.2022, to the Senior Superintendent of Police,

Tarn Taran, but no action has been taken on the same.

Heard. Record perused.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 only.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents. Complete set of paper book stands supplied to him.

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 present petition pertains only to protection of their lives.

This petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran that representation (Annexure P-5) filed seeking protection of life and liberty, be looked into and contents thereof be duly verified and if necessary, requisite steps be taken, strictly in accordance with law for ensuring the protection of lives of the petitioners.

28.07.2022

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable: | Yes/No |