

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRWP-7403-2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-3.8.2022

Meena Devi and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Balwant Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Harpreet S. Multani, AAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. Petitioner No.1-Meena Devi aged 34 years, who is already married to respondent No.4-Ram Chander, and petitioner No.2-Gurpreet Singh aged 23 years, both of whom are in a 'live-in' relationship, have approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.4 to 12, who do not approve of their 'live-in' relationship.
2. Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting anything as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also as regards the sanctity of alleged relationship of the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Police Lines, Patiala, Punjab to look into the matter and to dispose off

the representation dated 29.7.2022 (Annexure P-4) in accordance with law.

In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

3. A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 29.7.2022 (Annexure P-4) be sent to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Police Lines, Patiala, Punjab so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.
4. It is, however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the alleged relationship of the petitioners and shall not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.

3.8.2022

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**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No