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

CRWP-7539-2022

Date of Decision: 06.08.2022

Sheela Devi and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Kuldeep Singh Siwach, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of direction to respondent No.2 & 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of the private respondents.

The petitioners are stated to be residing in a live-in-relationship. Petitioner No.1, who is a lady aged 25 years, is stated to be married with respondent No.5 and the said marriage took place when she was only 14 years old and thereafter, she was repeatedly harassed and various atrocities were committed upon her. The husband of petitioner No.1-respondent No.5 is a habitual drunkard, as per the learned counsel for the petitioners and thereafter, in order to seek shelter, she has started living with petitioner No.2 along with her minor child and there is a threat at the hands of the private respondents which included the husband of petitioner No.1-respondent No.5 also.

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-4) dated 04.08.2022, to the Senior Superintendent of Police, SBS Nagar, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, but no action has been taken on the same.

Heard. Record perused.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 4 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.3 Senior Superintendent of Police, SBS Nagar, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar that representation (Annexure P-4) 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.

06.08.2022

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**(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE**

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