

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

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**CRWP-7693-2022
Date of decision : 10.08.2022**

KULDEEP KUMAR AND ANOTHER

..... Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present :- Mr. Neeraj Jain, Advocate for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner No.1 (boy) is of the age of 20 years, whereas petitioner No.2(girl) is aged about 18 years. It is averred that the petitioners are residing in live-in relationship with each other with their free will and consent 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-3) dated 04.08.2022 in this regard to the Police Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Heard. Record perused.

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

On asking of the Court, Mr. R.S. Thind, DAG, Punjab, present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State. Copy supplied.

The petitioners have placed on record the copy of Aadhar Cards (Annexure P-1 and P-2) 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 Sarabha Nagar, District Ludhiana 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

10.08.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No