

**230 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH
CRWP-10527-2021
Date of Decision: 24th August, 2022**

Sunpreet Singh and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : None for the petitioners.
 Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.
 Mr. S.P. Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India, with
 Ms. Sangeeta Srivastava, Central Govt. Counsel
 for Union of India.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

1. This petition was filed for issuance of directions to the official respondents for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners from the private respondents (arrayed in the petition).
2. As per the pleadings, the petitioners are living in live-in-relationship against the wishes of their parents and there was a threat perception.
3. Learned State counsel submits that the statements of the petitioners and private respondents have been recorded. It is stated therein that there is no threat perception and they don't apprehend any danger.
4. On 7th March, 2022, while adjourning the matter following order was passed:-

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No Act governs any such relationship and once a person has attained majority in terms of the Majority Act, 1875, (i.e. 18 years of age), it would be difficult for a court to refuse such protection; and therefore the Union of India (in the Ministry concerned) would file a response to the aforesaid

predicament, by way of an affidavit of at least a Joint Secretary to the Government of India, in the Ministry concerned, as to what is proposed, to try and ensure that many adolescents with impressionable minds (not actually fully matured though they otherwise, technically, are of the age of majority in terms of the aforesaid Act), do not start living together and later start regretting such decisions, obviously also causing trauma to their parents and family.”

5. Mr. S.P.Jain, Additional Solicitor General, appearing for Union of India, submits that a Bill increasing the marriageable age of the girl from 18 to 21 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha.

6. In view of the statement made by learned Senior counsel for Union of India, no further directions are called for.

7. The petition is disposed of.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

24th August, 2022

Parveen Sharma

Whether reasoned/speaking
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No