

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

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CRWP-9362-2022

Date of decision : 29.09.2022

Manpreet Kaur and another

Petitioners

V/S

State of Punjab and others

Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR VERMA

Present: Mr. Yashpal Thakur, Advocate for the petitioners.

ASHOK KUMAR VERMA, J. (ORAL)

Through this petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, prayer has been made for issuance of direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from danger at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6 as they are living in live-in-relationship.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both the petitioners are major and have decided to marry with each other. However, parents and other relatives of petitioner No.1 are against their marriage. Now, they are living in a live-in-relationship against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6. Therefore, they have submitted a representation dated 24.09.2022 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur. In support of his contentions, learned counsel for the petitioners relies upon the judgments passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Nandakumar and another Vs. The State of Kerala and others – 2018(2)RCR (Civil) 899*.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Article 21 of the Constitution stipulates protection of life and liberty to every citizen and that no person shall be deprived of his life and personal liberty except according to procedure established by law. It is the bounden duty of the State as per the Constitutional obligations cast upon it to protect the life and liberty of every citizen.

In view of the above discussion, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur, to decide the representation dated 24.09.2022 (Annexure P-3), moved by the petitioners in accordance with law and grant protection to them, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived.

It is, however, clarified that in case there is any criminal case registered against the petitioners, this order shall not be construed as an impediment for the law enforcing agency to proceed against the petitioners in accordance with law.

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(ASHOK KUMAR VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No