

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

CRWP-10388-2022

Date of Decision: November 02, 2022

Babita and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: None.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

Members of the Bar are abstaining from work today.

By way of filing this petition, the petitioners seek necessary protection of their lives and personal liberty in view of the fact that they are living in live-in relationship and are under eminent threats at the hands of respondents No. 3 to 7. Petitioner No.1 – Babita is aged about 18 years of age, whereas, petitioner No. 2 – Lovely is aged about 18 years.

2. In the context of threat perception at the hands of private respondents No. 3 to 7, petitioners have allegedly moved representation dated 18/20.10.2022, (Annexure P-3) to Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot (respondent No. 2), wherein, all the apprehension to their lives has been expressed.

Since petitioners have not contracted any marriage and seek only protection *qua* their lives and personal liberty, it would be appropriate to direct respondent No. 2 to have a fair look on the grievance of the petitioners in order to ascertain veracity of allegations made by them.

Respondent No. 2 would be at liberty to devise his/her own mechanism to ascertain the truth. He/she would also be at liberty to join the petitioners or any other person acquainted with facts in issue. If innocence of the petitioners is established, then respondent No. 2 shall proceed to take appropriate action in order to protect their lives and personal liberty from being invaded by private respondents No. 3 to 7.

This order is passed at this stage without meaning anything on the status of the petitioners on the basis of live-in relationship. Respondent No. 2 would pass necessary order without being influenced by any statement of fact recorded here-in-above.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**

Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**