

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

CRWP-12306-2022

Date of decision : 30.12.2022

Raja and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Harpal Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents no.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondent no.4.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are living in live-in-relationship against the wishes of respondent no.4 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. He has submitted that although the petitioner No.2 is 17 years of age yet she is entitled for protection. Both the petitioners apprehend danger from respondent no.4. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 24.12.2022 (Annexure P-3) to respondent no.2.

Notice of motion to respondents no.1 to 3-State only.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Vishnav Gandhi, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with a direction to respondent no.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran to decide the representation (Annexure P-3) of the petitioners and grant

them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. It is clarified that this order shall not be taken to grant immunity to the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them. This order would not be understood having expressed any opinion whatsoever by this Court on the validity of the live-in-relationship of the petitioners.

Disposed of

30.12.2022
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No