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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-223-2023

Date of Decision: January 11, 2023

Preeti and anotherPetitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr.Rohit Sharma, Advocate for
Mr.Lupil Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J.(ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of direction to respondents no.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents no.4 to 13, as petitioners are living in live-in-relationship.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and they are living in live-in-relationship against the wishes of respondents no.4 to 13 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents no.4 to 13. He submits that petitioner No.1 is married with respondent No.4 and she has one son, who is now living with her whereas petitioner No.2 is unmarried. They apprehend danger from respondents no.4 to 13 and other relatives of petitioner No.1. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 06.01.2023 (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. P.S.Grewal, DAG, Punjab, who

is present in Court, 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, Sri Muktsar Sahib, to decide the representation (Annexure P-3) of petitioner No.1 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 live-in-relationship of the petitioners.

Disposed of

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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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| 1. | Whether speaking/reasoned ? | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether reportable ? | Yes/No |