

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

CRWP-1750-2023

Date of Decision: 23.02.2023

Preeti Kumari and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Gaurav Rana, Advocate, for the petitioners

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a direction to respondents no.2 and 3 to take action on the representation dated 20.02.2023 for protecting the life and personal liberty of the petitioners and also directing the private respondents not to interfere in their person life and liberty.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and are living in live-in-relationship against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents no.4 to 6. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 20.02.2023 (Annexure P-3) to respondent no.2 for granting some protection to their life and liberty.

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

On asking of the Court, Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, 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-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana 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 their live-in relationship.

Disposed of.

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned
Whether Reportable

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

: Yes/No
: Yes/No